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Mr Paul West
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Tasmanian Planning Commission
Via email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr West *Paul*

Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project

Preparation and exhibition of draft assessment criteria and draft guidelines for assessment of matters of national environmental significance

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 July 2025 referring the draft assessment criteria and draft matters of national environmental significance (MNES) guidelines for the Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project (Major Project) to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) under section 60ZL(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

NRE Tas provides advice to the Panel in the attachment to this letter in accordance with its roles as a participating regulator, a relevant State Agency and a landowner within and adjacent to the Major Project area. This advice is not limited to the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*, the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* or the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*. It also considers the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*.

I note that, following the close of this exhibition period, the Panel will provide NRE Tas with any representations that relate to matters set out in NRE Tas's Assessment Requirement Notices issued under these Acts. NRE Tas may then provide the Panel with an Alteration Notice if required.

Should the Panel have any further questions on this matter please contact Richard Cuskelly, Planning Policy Officer, Strategy and Business Services Division. Mr Cuskelly can be contacted via phone on 6165 4537 or via email at richard.cuskelly@nre.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment: Relevant participating regulator, landowner and State Service Agency advice

**RELEVANT PARTICIPATING REGULATOR, LANDOWNER AND STATE SERVICE
AGENCY ADVICE**

In accordance with section 60ZL of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania provides the following advice as to the draft assessment criteria currently on public exhibition in relation to the Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project (Major Project).

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Part A - Draft Assessment Criteria

3.0 – Planning assessment

3.8 Natural values – fauna (p. 11)

Impacts to species from vehicle collision

The draft assessment criterion for natural values – fauna is that the proposed use and development, including the construction phase, (a) protects listed fauna from adverse effects and (b) does not significantly adversely affect non-listed native fauna. In considering the criterion, the document states that the Panel may have regard to, among other things, the potential for the project to cause adverse effects, and the significance of those effects, including the potential for collision from vehicles travelling to and within the project site, during both construction and operation.

To facilitate effective consideration by the Panel in relation to collision of fauna with vehicles, it is recommended that the assessment criteria incorporate clear instruction to undertake a roadkill assessment on all pre-existing access roads, to characterise the current roadkill conditions in terms of rate and species affected. This will allow any predicted change in roadkill that may occur as a result of the project to be assessed against the current baseline.

Appendices

Appendix B. Site and locality plans and information (p. 47)

1.0 Site and locality context plans

Project maps and plans

It is recommended that section 1.0 of Appendix B incorporate an instruction to ensure that, where feasible, all plans that depict the location of natural values also clearly show the natural values in relation to the project area (including temporary and permanent activities and assets) and in relation to other natural values. Project area plans relevant to natural values should combine overlays to indicate the location(s) of:

- vegetation types,
- records of listed flora and fauna,
- threatened native vegetation communities,
- foraging and roosting habitat,
- products of wildlife (including nests, dens and burrows), and
- any other significant and relevant natural values.

Ensuring that relevant overlays are combined in this way will assist the Panel to assess the full extent of potential impacts on natural values.