

30 July 2025

Mr Paul West
Chairperson, Assessment Development Panel
Tasmanian Planning Commission

By email only: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr West,

**RE Exhibition of draft assessment criteria & draft guidelines for assessment of MNES
Cellars Hill Wind Farm Major Project**

We refer to your correspondence dated 16 July 2025 regarding the exhibition of the of the draft assessment criteria in accordance with Section 60ZL (1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act); and the draft guidelines for assessment of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES guidelines) under the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The following consideration is also likely to be relevant to Cellars Hill Wind Farm:

- Potential interaction between the turbines and TasNetworks' overhead transmission lines.

This is covered by Section 2.6 of ENA DOC 047-2022 – Guideline for Wind Turbines Proximity to Electricity Transmission Lines and includes the risk of:

- a blade contacting the line if a turbine collapses or a loose blade is thrown off; and
- the downwind wake effects on conductors and fittings when the turbine disturbs the airflow around a line and causing aeolian vibration and long-term damage.

The minimum requirement that should be included to manage this risk is:

"In line with ENA 047-2022 the separation distance between any turbine and overhead transmission lines must not be less than 3 rotor diameters."

Under Section 60ZL(2) of the Act, TasNetworks wish to advise that as a relevant State entity, it considers that the draft assessment criteria and draft MNES guidelines provides a useful template for matters relevant for inclusion as assessment criteria for Cellars Hill Wind Farm.

TasNetworks is supportive of new renewable energy projects such as Cellars Hill Wind Farm, which will contribute to meeting Tasmania's legislated renewable energy target of doubling its on island renewable generation by 2040, along with national renewable energy targets, whilst assisting in the decarbonisation of the National Electricity Market.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 6271 6413 or at Anita.Bourn@tasnetworks.com.au

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

Anita Bourn

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