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Dear Mr Ramsay

Subject: Bell Bay Wind Farm – Comments in relation to the contents of the Assessment Criteria

Thank you for providing the Department of Health (the Department) with the opportunity to provide comments in relation to the contents of the Assessment Criteria for the now declared Major Project, the Bell Bay Wind Farm. I understand the wind farm is to be located north-east of George Town and will include the construction of 28 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure, will have a 30-year operational life and is expected to generate up to 180 jobs during the two year construction phase and a further 12 direct jobs during the operational phase.

The Department owns and manages significant health infrastructure assets across the State, which support the delivery of an extensive range of health services to urban, regional and rural locations.

The Department would like the following matters to be considered during the drafting of the assessment criteria and subsequently addressed by the proponent in the major project impact statement:

- Noise generation from construction and operational phases (noise impact assessment);
- Electromagnetic interference (EMI), extremely low frequency (ELF) electric and magnetic fields (EMF) associated with the development;
- Visual impact and shadow flicker analysis relevant to the development;
- Dust management and mitigation strategy as part of the site Environmental Management Plan;
- Assessment of blade glint and associated impacts;
- Community and Stakeholder Consultation Strategy; and

- The inclusion of Ambulance Tasmania as a significant stakeholder in the consultation and development of Emergency Management Plans for the windfarm.

If you require further information regarding the matters above, please contact Ronald Wilson, A/Director Asset Management Services on 0475 397 652.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Hargrave
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