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Dear TPC

Please find attached below Tourism Tasmania's response to a request for input into the development of the assessment criteria for the Bell Bay Wind Farm.

I note as follows:

Tourism Tasmania supports a comprehensive assessment process for the Bell Bay Wind Farm to ensure the expansion of Tasmania's renewable energy network is carried out in a way that enhances Tasmania's brand and maintains a positive visitor experience.

Tasmania's renewable energy status and commitments underpin the State's brand and unique destination values. Recent market research commissioned by Tourism Tasmania indicates high levels of consumer appeal towards Tasmania's status as a destination with 100% renewable electricity generation and the Tasmanian Government's target to reach 200% of renewable electricity generation by 2040.

Tourism Tasmania recommends the following provisions are included in the Bell Bay Wind Farm Assessment Criteria.

Workforce/skills and visitor accommodation

Through the delivery of the 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy, the Tasmanian Government is working with industry to develop the Sustainable Visitation Framework. The project aims to support sustainable growth visitation while protecting Tasmania's unique values. Through this project, the supply workforce skills and visitor accommodation have been identified as key issues impacting visitor growth, particularly in regional locations.

Development of major projects contribute to competition for workforce, and accommodation to house workers during the construction and operation phases. This competition can result in reduced workforce for tourism and hospitality operators, and visitor accommodation being converted to worker accommodation, which leads to fewer options for visitors, constrains growth in visitation, and impedes regional dispersal.

It is recommended that the Assessment Criteria include provisions to assess impact of the project on the provision of workforce for other industries, and changes to the supply and affordability of housing, visitor accommodation and community services.

Visual impact

The coastal landscape of the Tasmania's north east is characterised by high amenity natural values and low levels of development.

The Major Project Proposal indicates the proposed location of wind turbines being sited immediately south of Five Mile Bluff, in close proximity to the popular summer tourist destination of Low Head and the coastal settlement of Bellbouy Beach. It is likely wind turbines will be visible from these locations.

Assessment Criteria should be developed to assess the visual impact of the project on the amenity of the coastal settlements of Low Head and Bellbouy Beach, and the impact of the project on the coastal landscape more broadly.

Road access and associated wildlife management

The Tasmanian Government has a commitment to drive regional dispersal of visitation to ensure the benefits of Tasmania's visitor economy is spread more evenly across the state. This approach relies on safe

and efficient road access. With sustainability and conservation of wildlife a key part of our Tourism brand proposition this road access extends to safe and careful management of wildlife through heavy traffic flow. It is recommended the Assessment Criteria include provisions to assess the impacts of construction and operation on road access, traffic flow and the local wildlife. It is recommended that strategies are in place during construction to maintain safe (for human and wildlife) and efficient traffic flow along main roads including Soldiers Settlement Road and Bridport Road.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any follow up questions.

Kind regards, Vanessa

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I acknowledge Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and ongoing custodians of these lands, skies and waterways, and pay respect to their deep cultural connection and care of these lands, skies and waterways, and pay



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Good morning,

The Commission has enclosed correspondence in relation to Major Project - Bell Bay Wind farm.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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