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Mr John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
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By email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Ramsay

Major Project – Bell Bay Wind Farm – comments on assessment criteria

I refer to your letter of 13 August 2024 requesting any comments Council may have regarding the assessment criteria for the Bell Bay Wind Farm as a Major Project under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

There are four areas which we consider may impact residents, visitors and workers in the West Tamar municipality in addition to the consideration of matters required under section 60ZM including the requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy. Council recommends the following matters are addressed in the assessment of the project:

1. Visual impacts of the proposed turbines when viewed from the West Tamar municipality including residential areas, scenic roads and other important vantage points in (for example, within State or National Parks or on the Coastal Reserve);
2. Vibrations or noise impacts on residents and visitors of the West Tamar municipality cumulatively with the impacts felt by residents of the George Town municipality;
3. The impact the proposal may have on animal populations that use the subject land as well as land within the West Tamar municipality as part of their range; and
4. The potential economic value of the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on 6323 9300 or via email at michelle.riley@wtc.tas.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Riley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Riley
DIRECTOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT