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Mr John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear Mr Ramsay,

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Declaration of Major Project – Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy

In accordance with Section 60R of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) I hereby notify you of my decision to declare the Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy project as a major project.

The Whaleback Ridge Renewable Energy Project is intended to generate up to 3000 megawatts of renewable electricity and includes up to 500 wind turbine generators (WTGs), hardstand areas, the establishment of turbine exclusion zones, internal access roads, a network of underground and overhead cables and collector stations, workshop and office facilities, and temporary facilities for construction.

The declaration was published in the *Government Gazette* on 6 March 2024 and took effect on that day. A copy of the declaration is attached. Also attached is a copy of the major project proposal (MPP) and the MPP eligibility assessment report prepared by the State Planning Office.

Would you please ensure that a copy of the declaration is made available for viewing by way of an electronic address, and at the offices of, the Tasmanian Planning Commission, in accordance with Section 60R(3) of the Act.

The proponent has identified that the project will likely require assessment by the Commonwealth under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA) and has elected to allow that assessment to run separately to the major projects' assessment.

Please note the attached report from the State Planning Office includes all of the submissions received and includes state agency comments which those agencies provided under section 60H of the Act.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the State Planning Office within the Department of Premier and Cabinet on telephone 1300 703 977 or email stateplanning@dpac.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Planning

Attachments:

1. Major Project Declaration
2. Major Project Proposal
3. Report to Minister