



1 December 2023

Ms Rebecca Riggs
Project Manager
Ark Energy

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Riggs,

**Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (SSD-10315)
Questions on Notice and Request for Information**

I refer to the State significant development application for the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (SSD-10315) (**Application**), currently before the NSW Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Question on Notice

During its meeting with the Commission on 28 November 2023, Ark Energy Project Pty Ltd (**Ark Energy**) commented that a decommissioning cost estimate report had been prepared for the project and that it was willing to share the report with the Commission Panel. Could Ark Energy please send a copy of the report to the Commission for its consideration.

Request for Information

- **Decommissioning and rehabilitation:**
The Commission is seeking further information regarding the future decommissioning of the project and rehabilitation of the site. During its meeting with the Commission on 28 November 2023, Ark Energy noted that it has developed a decommissioning fund in conjunction with involved landowners which is to sit with an independent decommissioning agent. Please provide information regarding the nature of any decommissioning agreements with involved landowners, and further detail about the independent decommissioning agent and how funds will be managed.
- **Greenhouse gas emissions:**
The Commission is seeking clarification on the estimation of greenhouse gas savings. The Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Amendment Report, dated 8 October 2021, states that “annual greenhouse gas savings of 813,700 carbon dioxide equivalent (from 1,030 gigawatt hours of generated electricity) is assumed for the Project” (page 90). Please provide information on how this estimate was made and if this estimate accounts for greenhouse gas emissions produced during the manufacturing of the components for the wind farm?
- **Hazards and risk:**
In the case of a significant bushfire on the site, what (if any) insurance arrangements are in place to manage damage to the proposed wind turbines?

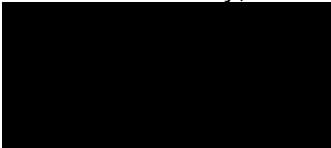
Please provide a written response by 5pm on **Monday, 11 December 2023**.

This letter and your written response will be made publicly available on the Commission's website.

Please note that the Commission is also seeking information regarding decommissioning and rehabilitation from the Department of Planning and Environment.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Jane Anderson, Principal Case Manager via [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Barry
Planning Director