

Commissioners Duncan and Cochrane,

Having attended the IPC Hearing for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Mod 1 I was particularly disappointed to learn that CWP Renewables does not have permission to transport 67m long turbine blades, yet it was clearing Aaron's Pass Road in preparation to transport them.

Approval was given for a 62m turbine blade proposal. The EPBC Act is in place to protect Commonwealth significant threatened species. If approval has not been given to transport 67m long turbine blades why is the IPC considering a Modification to allow additional vegetation clearing for their transport?

If it has already been deemed not in the Commonwealth interest to allow clearing of more than 50 trees in 20km along Aaron's Pass Rd, why would it be in the Commonwealth interest now? There is also an opportunity to establish best practice and have the area cleared calculated independently, not by the developer.

This Modification application says to the wind industry, gain approval for your project from the State and then you can apply for further Modifications and do what you like unfettered.

This is unacceptable to public stakeholders in the environment and tax payers funding its protection.

Aaron's Pass Rd is not suitable for the transport of 67m long turbine blades without serious loss of habitat, and consequently wildlife.

Offsets are not acceptable.

You have a duty to preserve heavily timbered Aaron's Pass Rd and the threatened flora and fauna it protects.

Yours sincerely,

