

IPC Notes

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- I support the project and the modification before the Commission today.
- I support all well considered large scale renewable energy projects as urgent action to reduce carbon emissions is required.
- I have lived near wind farms in Denmark and I lived across the salt marsh from the Playford North coal fired power station in Port Augusta when it operated. For me it is an easy choice for power generation.
- Nothing comes without an impact but wind is a more acceptable impact – it is relatively quiet, non-polluting – no water or other contamination issues to be resolved, has a relatively small footprint and does not require many inputs once constructed.
- I live in the Shire, but not close to the project and I am a member of the Flyers Creek Community Consultative Committee. The committee is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to really fulfil its role as the project progresses.
- I have long followed this project and seen how the project had worked to meet the needs of landholders and planning requirements. It has been a long process.
- The modification to be approved will in essence improve an approved project with the bulk of the modifications requested increasing the power generation of the existing footprint with a small increase in height. A detailed assessment of biodiversity impacts has been undertaken and the offset requirements have been determined. Most of the vegetation to be removed is pine forest with little ecological value.
- The new alignment of the transmission corridor is critical for gaining grid connection and ensuring that the extra power generated is delivered to the grid.
- This project has been approved and this modification allows the project to make better use of new turbine technology and significantly increase the output of the wind farm.