



1 December 2023

Mr Iwan Davies
Director Energy Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Davies,

**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.

Questions on Notice

The Commission is seeking clarification from the Department of Planning and Environment (**Department**) about how greenhouse gas emissions associated with the project have been accounted for, noting that the Department's Assessment Report states that it is estimated to save over 957,800 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Have the greenhouse gas emissions associated with manufacturing and building the proposed wind turbines been considered?

Request for Information

The Commission is seeking information from the Department regarding the future decommissioning of the project and rehabilitation of the site. It is the Commission's understanding that the Department has a policy that financial assurances for decommissioning and rehabilitation should not be required by Conditions of Consent for renewable energy projects. Can the Department provide further information on this, including a copy of the policy?

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

Please note that the Commission is also seeking information regarding decommissioning and rehabilitation arrangements from the Applicant.

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