



12 December 2023

Ms Rebecca Riggs  
Project Manager  
Ark Energy

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Riggs,

**Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (SSD-10315)  
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.

The Commission is seeking further information from Ark Energy Project Pty Ltd (**Ark Energy**) regarding the following matters.

Decommissioning and rehabilitation

- a) Does the decommissioning and rehabilitation calculation used for the project provide for price inflation over the life of the project? If so, how has this been incorporated?
- b) Do the decommissioning agreements with involved landowners include provision for price inflation over the life of the project? If so, how has this been incorporated?
- c) Which decommissioning calculator has been used to estimate decommissioning costs for the project (i.e. has the 'Wind Energy Decommissioning Calculator' contained in the *Draft Wind Energy Guideline 2023* been used, or an alternative calculator)?

Road upgrades

- a) Have conceptual engineering drawings of the proposed road upgrades to Bowmans Creek Road – Albano Road been prepared (in addition to, or in more detail than, responses already provided by Ark Energy to requests for information to the Department)? If such drawings have been prepared, please provide a copy to the Commission for its consideration.
- b) Please advise of the likely impacts of the proposed road upgrades to properties along Bowmans Creek Road – Albano Road, including impacts or changes to property access arrangements. Where property access arrangements are proposed to change, have landowners been advised of such changes? Please provide commentary specifically regarding receiver S17-2.
- c) Please advise of the likely impacts of the proposed road upgrades to existing cattle grids. Where cattle grids are proposed to be removed, have landowners been advised of, and agreed to, such removal?

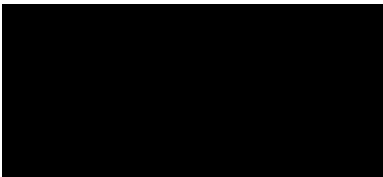
- d) What measures are proposed to mitigate and/or manage construction noise impacts to residents that are directly affected during the proposed road upgrades (in particular, impacts to residents of Bowmans Creek Road, Scrumlo Road and Hebden Road).
- e) Please summarise the consultation undertaken with residents of Bowmans Creek Road to date. Please provide commentary specifically regarding receiver S17-2.

Please provide a written response by 5pm on **Friday, 15 December 2023**.

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

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,



**Stephen Barry**  
**Planning Director**