

Our ref: SSD 59235464

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**Subject: Pottinger Wind Farm – Referral to the Independent Planning Commission**

Dear Mr Mills

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Pottinger Wind Farm (SSD 59235464).

The application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination as there were more than 50 unique submissions objecting to the project.

The Applicant proposes to develop a new State significant wind farm located approximately 60 kilometres south of Hay in the locality of Booroorban, within the Hay Shire and Edward River local government areas.

The project as proposed would have a generating capacity of 1,300 megawatts (MW) and a 500 MW battery energy storage system (BESS). It would connect to the electrical grid via the Project EnergyConnect Transmission line (currently under construction).

During the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the Department received a total of 161 submissions, of which 158 were unique, in addition to advice from 20 government agencies, a submission from Hay Shire Council (host council), and comments from Edward River Council (host council) and Broken Hill City Council. Of the public submissions, 83 objected to the project and 75 supported the project. Neither of the host Councils objected to the project.

The Applicant has committed to benefit sharing of \$1050 per MW generation capacity installed per year for the duration of the project. This would comprise of payments of \$893 per MW generation capacity installed per year for the duration of the project, via a community enhancement fund split equally between two host Councils and \$158 per MW would be allocated to a dedicated First Nations Fund.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department has considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site, and the public interest, in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

During the assessment process the Department visited the site, and consulted with local Councils and relevant government agencies.

Based on this assessment, the Department considers that the project is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions of consent. I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Brewer on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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