

DRAFT CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. The wind farm facility may only be constructed within the Wind Farm Boundary of the Revised layout plan in Figure 1 of the Supplementary Environment Effects Statement (November 2003).
2. No wind turbines can be constructed within 300 metres of the boundary of the Bald Hills Wetland Reserve.
3. The person taking the action may only clear areas of remnant native vegetation, other than the site identified as TO1 in Figure 1 of the Supplementary Environment Effects Statement (November 2003), if a vegetation management plan is submitted for the Minister's approval. The plan must address the following:
 - (a) surveying for listed flora species at the relevant time of the year; and
 - (b) mitigation measures to minimise impacts on the listed flora species

The plan must detail environmental objectives, performance criteria, monitoring, reporting and corrective action, and responsibility and timing for each of the above matters. The plan must be approved prior to clearing. The approved plan must be implemented.

4. The person taking the action must prepare and submit for the Minister's approval a plan for the construction of the distribution line connecting the wind farm to the electricity grid. The plan must address the following:
 - (a) surveying for listed flora species;
 - (b) location of distribution line poles to avoid listed threatened and migratory species, and native vegetation that may provide habitat for those species; and
 - (c) mitigation measures to minimise impacts on listed threatened and listed migratory species, if the distribution line is to be built within 300 metres of Bald Hills Wetland Reserve.

The plan must detail environmental objectives, performance criteria, monitoring, reporting and corrective action, and responsibility and timing for each of the above matters. The plan must be approved prior to construction of the distribution line. The approved plan must be implemented.

5. The person taking the action must prepare and submit for the Minister's approval an avifauna management plan. The plan must address the following:
 - (a) monitoring of listed avifauna species using the wind farm site;
 - (b) monitoring for bird strike following the construction of the turbines; and
 - (c) procedures to mitigate impacts on listed threatened and migratory species resulting from construction and operation of the wind farm.

The plan must detail environmental objectives, performance criteria, monitoring, reporting and corrective action, and responsibility and timing for each of these matters. The plan must be approved prior to construction and must be implemented in accordance with any approval conditions.

6. On 1 July of each year, following the commencement of construction, the Managing Director of the person taking the action must submit a certificate stating that the person taking the action has complied with the conditions of this approval.
7. The person taking the action may submit for the Minister's approval revised versions of any plan approved under paragraphs 3,4 or 5 to address proposed changes to manage impacts from construction or operation. The approved revised plans must be implemented.
8. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of the environment to do so, the Minister may request the person taking the action to make specified revisions to a plan approved pursuant to paragraph 3,4 or 5 and to submit the revised plan for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. If the Minister approves a revised plan pursuant to this condition, the person taking the action must implement that plan instead of the plan as originally approved.

Definitions

Construction means any clearing or earthworks activity associated with preparing the site for the placement of wind turbines, including trenching and placement of roads and other infrastructure.

Distribution line means the 66kV /22 kV power transmission line connecting the wind farm to the electricity grid at Leongatha, Victoria.