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Subject: Wellington South BESS (WS BESS) – Timing of road upgrades / Site access

Dear Mr Yeates

I refer to your submission dated 15 November 2024, requesting Planning Secretary's discretion for revised timing to complete the following works under SSD-27014706:

- condition B6 - Goolma Road/Twelve Mile Road intersection and realignment;
- condition B7 - new access road intersection with Twelve Mile Road.

The Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (the Department) understands the Twelve Mile Road/Goolma Road intersection upgrade and realignment, being undertaken by Uungula Wind Farm (UWF), has been delayed and consequently, in accordance with the above-mentioned conditions, is impacting your ability to start construction works.

The Department notes in your submission several traffic management measures that could be implemented, temporarily, in lieu of the works required under conditions B6 and B7. I note these temporary controls are proposed until either (a) UWF completes the intersection upgrade and realignment or (b) in the event of UWF not completing the works, WS BESS will seek Planning Secretary's agreeance to undertake further works to provide a safe and permanent solution. The temporary traffic measures proposed are:

- **use of the existing Goolma Road/Twelve Mile Road intersection:** All vehicles travelling to or from the WS BESS site would use the existing Goolma Road/Twelve Mile Road intersection. This intersection will be under Temporary Traffic Management (TTM), installed and managed by either UWF as part of the intersection upgrade/realignment, or by WS BESS (in the event of intersection realignment and upgrade not having commenced);
- **use of the existing Twelve Mile Road:** All vehicles travelling to and from the WS BESS site would use the existing Twelve Mile Road between the Goolma Road/Twelve Mile Road intersection and the approved WS BESS entry point. If UWF has not implemented TTM along this short section of Twelve Mile Road, WS BESS will be responsible for gaining necessary approval from Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) and installing TTM prior to commencement of construction works;

- **temporary crossover to be established at the WS BESS site entry point:** WS BESS commits to constructing a temporary crossover on the southern side of Twelve Mile Road to facilitate entry and exit of vehicles to the WS BESS site. This temporary crossover would be located at the same location as the approved permanent site entry point, consistent with the project approval received from the Department. The temporary crossover would utilise the same standards and specifications as those contained in the s138 approval issued by DRC for the permanent site entry point;
- **use of the upgraded and realigned Twelve Mile Road:** Vehicles travelling to or from WS BESS site would use the upgraded intersection and realigned section of Twelve Mile Road to enter and leave the site as soon as these works are completed and open to the traffic. If, for any reason, UWF cease to implement TTM prior to the new intersection being opened to traffic, construction works are to cease until TTM is re-installed; and
- in the event UWF has not completed the upgrades required in condition B6 by completion of the WS BESS construction phase, WS BESS commit to working with the Planning Secretary to implement appropriate measures to ensure timely completion of these upgrades, which may include procuring or facilitating the completion of the relevant upgrades.

I write to advise the Department supports the above measures and commitments. In addition, please note:

- The TTM referenced above must be consistent with *Austroads* guidelines and must be agreed in consultation with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and DRC;
- If UWF has implemented TTM prior to the commencement of construction of WS BESS, WS BESS must consult and coordinate with UWF to ensure such arrangements are suitable for WS BESS construction traffic.
- Schedule 2, Condition B10 of SSD-27014706 requires preparation of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the project in consultation with TfNSW and DRC, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This condition must be satisfied prior to commencing construction. The TTM referenced above must be finalised in consultation with TfNSW and DRC and documented in the TMP.
- You must immediately advise TfNSW, DRC and Uungula Wind Farm of this approval, and you must keep TfNSW, DRC, the Department and Uungula Wind Farm updated on progress of the project throughout construction (including the TTM).

I note this submission has been prepared in consultation with, and supported by DRC and TfNSW, and contains the information addressing conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, subject to the contents and commitments in this letter, I approve the revised timing for the construction of the project against the requirements of conditions B6 and B7 of SSD-27014706.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a large, stylized 'D' and 'A'.

Iwan Davies
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary