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### 1 EXCECUTIVE SUMMARY

SNC-Lavalin has been engaged by CWP Renewables to undertake an audit of the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm. The audit is required by the Development Consent Conditions 5-8 and 5-9.

To complete this audit, SNC-Lavalin undertook a site inspection, interviewed key management staff/ supervisory personnel, observed tasks performed in the field and reviewed relevant and available documents relating to the approval and to the ongoing management and monitoring of the site environmental aspects.

The inspection was undertaken on 10-11 September 2019, with members of CWP Renewables and GE Zenviron present. At the time of the audit, the main site activity was the upgrading of Aarons Pass Road (APR) to enable the safe delivery of turbines and other oversized components for the construction of the wind farm. Work on other parts of the project was suspended due to a stop work order directed by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). Key environmental issues observed that were relevant to the audit included vegetation clearing and road upgrade activities, traffic management, erosion and sediment control and Aboriginal heritage.

The findings from the audit conclude the clearing and road upgrade activities are being undertaken in a competent manner under the supervision of a qualified ecologist. Evidence observed included clear demarcation of site boundaries, protection of threatened species, site specific induction (APR induction) and detailed tracking registers to ensure quantities of cleared vegetation are within approved limits.

Erosion and sedimentation controls have been implemented, however the application has been inconsistent and in some instances do not meet the requirements of the Development Consent, notably those outlined in *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (Landcom, 2004). This has resulted in a non-conformance with condition 3-18. Recommendations to ensure compliance are made later in this report. Two other non-conformances were also identified relating to a potential exceedance of environmental protection licence criteria and some documents that were not available on the project website as required by the Conditions of Consent 5-10.

Environmental controls implemented to manage other key issues (traffic and Aboriginal heritage) were observed to be effective.

The findings from the audit also indicated the Project Team are adopting a proactive approach to the management of operational aspects of the development, ensuring all planning activities are undertaken in a timely manner to ensure compliance with operational requirements.

Overall, the site is being managed in an environmentally responsible manner, and in general compliance with the Development Consent.

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### 2 INTRODUCTION

#### 2.1 BACKGROUND OF PROJECT

The Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (SSD-6697) involves the construction and operation of up to 37 wind turbine generators (WTGs) 45km south of Mudgee in NSW. Approval and the Conditions of Consent for the Project was issued on 10 May 2016 with modifications to the Conditions of Consent approved on 21 June 2019. The modifications involved a reduction in the number of wind turbines from 77 to 37 and a revised road design for APR. The Planning Assessment Commission approved the development subject to 73 conditions in schedules 2 to 5.

The Project (SSD 6697) comprises site preparatory and construction works for the delivery of the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm. Construction for the Project commenced on 2 August 2019, with an initial focus on clearing, grubbing and mulching, construction of wind turbine foundations, establishment of access roads site establishment, installation of environmental controls and mobilisation. Due to the requirement to upgrade APR prior to the commencement of construction, all construction works are currently on hold and the main activities currently being undertaken include clearing associated with APR and routine maintenance works of the construction site.

#### 2.2 AUDIT TEAM

SNC-Lavalin Australia Pty Ltd (SNC-Lavalin) has been appointed to undertake Independent Environmental Audits for the Project. The appointment of the SNC-Lavalin audit team received endorsement from the Secretary of DPIE in their letter dated 24 June 2019 (refer to Appendix A).

The SNC-Lavalin audit team is described in Table 1 below with contact details provided.

Table 1 Audit team

Role	Name	Qualifications
Lead Auditor	Richard Peterson	Environmental Systems Auditor, SAI Global
		Master of Environmental Management
		BE (Civil)
Technical Expert	Georgia Voura	BA (Marine Biology)

#### 2.3 AUDIT OBJECTIVES

The key audit objective was to ensure compliance is being met on the site. This was achieved through assessing the Project against the audit scope outlined in Section 2.4.

#### 2.4 AUDIT SCOPE

The audit consisted of an assessment of compliance against:

- > Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 2018)
- Development Consent (SSD 9575)
- Post approval documents, including an assessment of the effective implementation of Environmental Management Plans and Sub-Plans

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- > Any environmental licences or other approvals
- > Environmental performance including but not limited to:
  - Actual impacts compared with Predicted impacts in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
  - Physical extent of the development in comparison with the approved boundary, and any potential off-site impacts
  - Incidents, non-compliances and complaints
  - Performance of the development, with regard to agency policy and environmental issues identified during consultation when developing the scope of the audit
  - Feedback received from the Department, and other agencies and stakeholders on the environmental performance of the project
- > Environmental Management System (EMS) at a high level
- > A high-level assessment of whether Environmental Management Plans and Sub-Plans are adequate
- > Any matter considered relevant by the auditor or DPIE.

#### 2.5 PERIOD COVERED BY AUDIT

The audit was undertaken from 10-11 September 2019, 13 months after construction initially commenced before being put on hold in December 2018. The audit focused on the post approval documentation, initial construction works and the road upgrade works along APR.

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### 3 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 APPROVAL OF AUDIT TEAM

For documentation detailing the approval of the audit team from The Secretary of the DPIE refer to Appendix A.

#### 3.2 DEVELOPMENT OF AUDIT SCOPE

The audit scope was developed to ensure the Project was assessed against all regulatory requirements they are operating under.

#### 3.3 SUMMARY OF AUDIT PROCESSES

To complete the audit the following was undertaken:

- > Preliminary document review to familiarise the team with the project and their processes
- > Opening meeting
- > Site visit
- > Task observations
- > Interviews with key management and supervisory personnel
- > Review of documents and records on-site
- > Closing meeting
- > Follow up of residual matters

#### 3.4 SITE PERSONNEL

The following site personnel were in attendance during the audit or parts of:

- > Andrew Galland Senior Environmental Advisor, GE Zenviron
- > Dallas Edwards Project Manager, GE Zenviron
- > Rob Rankin Senior Safety Advisor, GE Zenviron
- > Dayne Stoneman Civil Construction Manager, GE Zenviron
- > Patric Millar Environmental Advisor Construction, CWP Renewables

Each individual noted provided evidence of the Project's compliance at different stages during the audit.

#### 3.5 SITE INSPECTIONS

A site inspection was undertaken by Richard Peterson and Georgia Voura on 10 September 2019. The site visit was undertaken throughout the morning and afternoon. The weather was warm and sunny with minimal wind and no rain was received during the inspection or on the previous day. The whole site area was inspected throughout the day including the entire length of APR and was completed under the supervision of GE Zenviron and CWP Renewables personnel. During the site inspection and document review environmental controls on-site that were observed included:

#### 3.5.1 General Controls

- > Rock checks
- > Rock lined drains

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- > Temporary culverts
- > Sediment basins
- > Sediment fences
- > Double skinned and bunded refuelling tank
- > Waste recycling facilities
- > Exclusion zones for Aboriginal artefacts
- > Spray on soil stabilisation polymer
- > Concrete bunding surrounding refuelling area
- > Water carts to control dust
- > Spray on soil stabilisation polymer
- > No-go zones
- > VMS signage on Castlereagh highway
- > Bushfire warning signage
- > Weather stations
- > Traffic controls on APR to control vehicle speed and to minimise dust

#### 3.5.2 APR Ecological Controls

- > Ecological controls associated with the APR road induction, such as:
  - Vegetation mapping along APR for the following:
    - Blakey's Red Gum
    - Red Stringybark
    - Acacia meiantha
    - Pomaderris cotoneaster
    - Surveyed habitat trees
  - Vegetation clearance maps (including the location of the disturbance corridor, the native vegetation area, restricted clearing areas, known hollow bearing trees and individual plants of Acacia meiantha and Pomaderris cotoneaster)
  - Limit of works and identifiers including survey pegs that identify limit of civil works (white pegs) and blade swept limit (pink pegs)
  - Flagging and marking of boundary interfering trees and hollow bearing trees. Green tape indicates a tree is to be removed, yellow tape indicates a tree is to be pruned and red tape indicates the tree is to be left as is.
  - Ground Disturbance Permits
  - Native vegetation clearance procedure
  - Flagging and marking of endangered species with caution tape to ensure specimens are protected
  - Habitat trees clearing and felling protocol

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- o Daily prestart walk-down to ensure flagging and no-go zones are in place
- Walk down by GE Zenviron representatives and a qualified ecologist to assess daily clearing activities
- Daily update of the vegetation clearance table
- Weekly clearance reports completed by EPC ecologist
- Pre-clearance surveys
- Endangered Species Restricted Area signage
- Native Vegetation Restricted Area signage within 1km of tree clearing works
- Signage indicating areas of Endangered Ecological Communities
- Three step clearing process

Refer to Appendix B for site photographs and descriptions.

#### 3.6 CONSULTATION

Consultation with a DPIE representative was undertaken prior to conducting the audit. The representative informed the lead auditor of particular areas to address during the audit utilising knowledge of the developments past performance.

#### 3.7 COMPLIANCE DESCRIPTORS

The compliance status of each requirement was determined using the relevant descriptors in Table 2. No other terms have been used to describe the compliance status.

**Table 2 Compliance descriptors** 

Status	Description
Compliant	Sufficient verifiable evidence to demonstrate that all elements of the requirement have been complied with within the scope of the audit.
Non-compliant	One or more specific elements of the conditions or requirements have not been complied with within the scope of the audit.
Not triggered	A requirement has an activation or timing trigger that has not been met at the time when the audit was undertaken.

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### 4 AUDIT FINDINGS

#### 4.1 APPROVALS AND DOCUMENTS

Relevant approvals and documents were reviewed as part of this audit. Refer to Appendix C for a full list of these documents.

#### 4.2 ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Project was audited against a total of 73 Conditions of Consent with a total of three non-compliances identified during the reporting period. There is a high degree of compliance with the conditions of approval for the current state of work. All conditions, including those not triggered at the time of the audit, are being proactively managed to ensure compliance.

#### 4.3 PENALTY NOTICES

One 4 December 2018, DPIE issued Crudine Ridge Wind Farm with a Penalty Notice for failing to complete the APR upgrade prior to the commencement of construction on the wind farm. Upgrades to APR were required to have been completed prior to the commencement of construction. It was observed during the audit that no additional construction has been undertaken since being issued with the penalty notice and as such the project is compliant with the Enforceable Undertaking that CWP Renewables have entered into with DPIE.

#### 4.4 Non-compliances

Three non-compliances were observed at the time of the audit. The non-compliances and the recommended actions are outlined in Table 3.

#### 4.5 PREVIOUS AUDIT ACTIONS

Not applicable – this is the first construction audit to have been conducted.

#### 4.6 REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT PLANS

The following management plans were reviewed:

- > Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP), including the following sub-plans:
  - Acacia meiantha Translocation Plan
  - Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan
- > Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP)
- > Traffic Management Plan (TMP)
- > Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
- > Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP)
- > Progressive Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (PESCP)
- > Hydrocarbon and Hazardous Substances Management Plan (HHSMP)
- > Construction Work Site Management Plan
- > Project Management Plan
- > Health and Safety Management Plan

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- > Emergency Management Plan
- > Quality Management Plan
- > Employee Relations Management Plan
- > Communications Management Plan
- > Progressive Erosion Sediment Control Plan (PESCP)
- > Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)

These management plans have been based off the GE Zenviron policies and provide adequate environmental protection for the site.

#### 4.7 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The management plans, site systems, site processes and Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) form the environmental management systems for the Project. It was observed during the audit that all systems are being implemented efficiently overall and provide adequate environmental protection for the site.

#### 4.8 MATTERS CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY AUDITOR OR DPIE

The auditor consulted with a DPIE representative prior to conducting the audit and the following areas were identified as necessary to be covered within the audit:

- > Erosion and sedimentation control
- > Biodiversity clearing of APR and management of threatened species
- > Mulching
- > Traffic
- > Aboriginal Heritage Management
- > Air quality (Dust)

These particular areas of importance were included within the audit scope. Please refer to Table 3 and Appendix D (non-compliances/recommendations and the audit checklist respectively) for the results of the assessment.

#### 4.9 COMPLAINTS

There have been 23 complaints since the commencement of construction. One of these complaints is still open, regarding the sediment run off from the major storm event, while the remaining 22 have been closed out. The majority of the complaints are from residents and relate to the APR Upgrade and Sally's Flat Road. Four complaints concern dust generation along Sally's Flat Road and APR and the remaining complaints relate to clearing along APR, traffic and the storm event. The complaints register also contains multiple comments from residents who are satisfied with the upgraded condition of APR.

#### 4.10 INCIDENTS

Since project inception one major incident has occurred which took place on December 2018 after a potential breach of the Conditions of Consent by commencing construction prior to completing the upgrade for APR. Construction has been put on hold and a \$15,000 penalty noticed was received. It was observed during the audit that no construction is currently taking place on the Project and the upgrading of APR is being undertaken as specified in the Conditions of Consent and in a competent manner.

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An erosion and sediment incident occurred in January 2019 following a major storm event. The incident involved discharge from the CRWF site that mixed with turbid overland flow from within the adjoining landholder's property and flowed through a number of dams on the adjoining landholder's property before discharging into an unnamed tributary of Jonathans Flat Creek. This incident was subsequently reported to the EPA verbally on 11 January 2019 and in writing on 23 January 2019. The proponent advised that DPIE were also notified of the incident. Since the incident, GE Zenviron have implemented various erosion and sedimentation controls such as rock line drains, sediment fences, a sediment basin and soil stabilisation polymer however, additional work is required to ensure these controls are consistent and in compliance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (Landcom, 2004). Further information is provided in table 3.

#### 4.11 COMPLIANCE OF ACTUAL AND PREDICTED IMPACTS

The following activities on site have the potential to have environmental impacts:

- > Site establishment and mobilisation
- > Site clearance and vegetation removal
- > Clearance activities associated with the upgrade of APR
- Initial construction activities associated with the wind turbines such as earthworks and piling

Environmental impacts associated with these activities have been assessed by the EA include:

- > Ecological impacts
- > Noise
- > Aboriginal Heritage
- > Erosion and sedimentation (water quality)
- > Traffic and transport

This audit was undertaken 13 months into construction, however as construction ceased after 4 months, only the initial stages have been undertaken including the upgrade of APR. Site establishment and mobilisation had been completed including site sheds and amenities for site personnel. Parking areas have also been provided for personnel.

Vegetation clearance and removal being undertaken as part of the APR upgrade was partially completed with areas along this road being cleared progressively. At this stage in the Project, clearing undertaken is within the required limits for the Project. No over clearing incidents have occurred to date.

Overall, a review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and audit findings indicates that the activities being undertaken on site, and the impacts of the activities, are consistent with the predictions made in the EA. A large number of predictions made in the EA relate to the operation of the project, for example landscape, visual and noise impacts, therefore only the relevant actual impact have been assessed.

#### 4.12 EVIDENCE COLLECTED

Evidence was collected during the audit through the following means:

- > Site visit
  - Refer to Appendix B for site photographs
- > Interviews
  - Refer to Section 3.4 for the personnel interviewed during the audit

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- > Review of Project documents and records
  - o Refer to Appendix C for a list of documents reviewed during this audit

Refer to Appendix D for the completed audit checklist, outlining the evidence collected against each compliance condition.

#### 4.13 EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

Refer to Appendix C for the documents provided as evidence to support compliance assessment.

#### 4.14 Previous compliance report actions

Not applicable – this is the first construction audit to have been conducted. No annual reviews or compliance reports have been undertaken to-date.

#### 4.15 OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for improvement identified during the reporting period are outlined in Table 3. A summary of these opportunities include:

- > Erosion and sedimentation controls
- > Spill response kits and training
- > Utilisation of soil stabilisation polymer across the project
- > Training of key staff and site supervisory personnel in erosion and sediment control.

#### 4.16 KEY STRENGTHS

The Project Team are utilising a detailed and comprehensive process for the clearing of APR. All works are being performed under the supervision of an ecologist, with mapped clearing areas audited by an independent ecologist. Approved areas for clearing are clearly de-lineated using robust fencing, signage and colour coded identifier markers and pegs. This process demonstrates compliance with the Conditions of Consent relating to clearing limits and impacts to surrounding biodiversity.

In addition, the heritage controls implemented throughout the project appeared to be rigorous and effective. Collaboration with specialists from NSW Archaeology outline all salvages conducted on the project were detailed and assisted by the qualified archaeologist. It is also evident that heritage controls are continuously being implemented at the daily pre-start toolbox talk observed by the auditors which included a cultural heritage moment as part of the environmental briefing.

Through undertaking the audit and observing the environmental performance of the development is it also evident that the dedicated environmental management professionals are experienced and highly competent in environmental management of wind farms. The Environment Team are proactively managing compliance with the Conditions of Consent that are yet to be triggered at the time of the audit.

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# 5 NON-COMPLIANCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Table 3 details non-compliances and recommendations against each non-compliance identified and outlines opportunities for improvement.

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**Table 3 Non-compliances and recommendations** 

Condition	Requirement	Status	Action / Recommendation
3-17	Unless an EPL authorises otherwise, the Applicant shall ensure that the development does not cause any water pollution.	Non- compliant	A major storm event in January 2019 caused a discharge of turbid water below the substation site into the adjoining landholder's property.
			As the storm event exceeded <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction</i> (Landcom, 2004) design criteria, it was not practical to control the runoff with the existing controls.
			Although no regulatory action was undertaken by the EPA the event was a potential breach of Condition L1.1 of EPL 21090.
3-18	The Applicant shall:  a) ensure that all activities are undertaken in accordance with:  • OEH's Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) manual, or its latest version;  • DPI's guidelines for waterway crossings and fish passage, including:  - Policy and Guidelines for Fish Friendly Waterway Crossings (2004), or its latest version;  - Why Do Fish Need to Cross the Road? Fish Passage Requirements for Waterway  - Crossings (2004), or its latest version, and  - Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2012), or its latest version; and ensure that the storage and handling of all dangerous goods and hazardous materials is	Non- compliant	It was observed that the Project was not achieving compliance with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004).  A more consistent approach is required for the erosion and sediment control across the project including but not limited to the following points:  • stabilisation of temporary stockpiles • maintenance of sediment fences • consistent use of polymer (or equivalent soil stabiliser) • Prevention of rilling of temporary road batters • Review of ERSED design and installation for consistency with

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Condition	Requirement		Status	Action / Recommendation
	The sto	ken in accordance with AS1940-2004: rage and handling of flammable and		Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004).
	combus	tible liquids, or its latest version.		It was also observed that additional spill kits and spill resources are required at permanent locations where refuelling is taking place.
				Recommendation:
				The following recommendations are made:
				<ul> <li>The appointed Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control returns to the project to assess existing processes and resources dedicated to erosion and sediment control and provide recommendations to ensure compliance with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) requirements.</li> <li>Provide erosion and sediment control training to key management and supervisory personnel</li> <li>Provide additional spill response resources (e.g. fully stocked wheelie bin) to vehicle refuelling area</li> <li>Update works to ensure consistency with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004).</li> </ul>
5-10	The Applicant shall:		Non-	The final layout plans for the development and
	a) make the follow	ing information publicly available on its vant to the stage of the development:	compliant	annual Statement of Compliance with the EPL were not available on the Project website.

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Condition	Requirement	Status	Action / Recommendation
	<ul> <li>the EA;</li> <li>the final layout plans for the development;</li> <li>current statutory approvals for the development;</li> <li>approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent;</li> <li>the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation and/or</li> <li>decommissioning of the development is to be staged;</li> <li>a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, which have been reported in accordance with the various plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent;</li> <li>a complaints register, which is to be updated on a monthly basis;</li> <li>minutes of CCC meetings;</li> <li>the annual Statement of Compliance with the EPL;</li> <li>any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and</li> <li>any other matter required by the Secretary; and</li> <li>keep this information up to date, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.</li> </ul>		Recommendation: The documents are to be uploaded to the website.

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# APPENDIX A - PLANNING SECRETARY AUDIT TEAM AGREEMENT

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24 June 2019

Dear Patric

# Crudine Ridge Wind Farm SSD 6697 Independent Environmental Audit

I refer to your letter dated 12 June 2019 seeking the Secretary's endorsement for the audit team to undertake the Independent Environmental Audit (audit) as required under Condition 8 of Schedule 5 of SSD 6697 (the approval) for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm.

Having considered the qualifications and experience of the SNC Lavalin audit team, namely;

- Richard Peterson as Lead Auditor:
- Sam Pathammavong (technical expert) and
- · Georgia Voura (technical expert),

the Secretary endorses the appointment of this team to undertake the audit in accordance with Condition 8 of Schedule 5 of the approval. This approval is conditional on the audit team being independent of the development.

The audit is to be conducted in accordance with the IAPAR. A copy of the requirements can be located at <a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/About-compliance/Compliance-policy-and-guidelines/Independent-audit-post-approval-requirements">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/About-compliance/Compliance-policy-and-guidelines/Independent-audit-post-approval-requirements</a>. Auditors may wish to have regard to AS/NZS ISO 19011 Australian/New Zealand Standard: Guidelines for quality and/or environmental management systems

Within 3 months of commissioning the audit, or otherwise as agreed by the Secretary, in accordance with Condition 9 Schedule 5 of the approval, CWP Renewables is to submit a copy of the audit report to the Secretary together with its response to any recommendations contained in the audit report and a timetable to implement the recommendations.

Prior to submitting the audit report to the Secretary, it is recommended that CWP Renewables review the report to ensure it complies with the relevant approval condition.

Should you wish to discuss this matter please contact myself on the details above.

Yours sincerely

Katrina O'Reilly

**Team Leader Compliance** as nominee for the Secretary



### APPENDIX B – SITE INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPHS



**Figure 1 Sediment Fences** 

**Figure 2 Rock Lined Drains** 



Figure 3 Heritage Exclusion Zone

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Figure 4 Tree Marked with Green Tape

Figure 5 Tree Marked with Red Tape

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Figure 6 Water Cart







Figure 8 Exclusion Zone

Figure 9 Endangered Species Signage

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Ref	Date Received	Sent by	Area	Document title
3002	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	DPE Approval Documents	Mod 1 - Commission Statement of Reasons
3003	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	DPE Approval Documents	Mod 1 - Notice of Modification
3004	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	DPE Approval Documents	Mod 1 - Consolidated Consent
3005	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	DPE Approval Documents	Secretary's letter of approval for the Biodiveristy Management Plan
3006	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	DPE Approval Documents	Secretary's letter of approval for the Environmental Management Strategy
3007	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Biodiversity	Biodiversity Management Plan
3008	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Aviation	CWP Renewables aviation obstacle lighting plan
3009	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Traffic	Traffic Management Plan
3010	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Env Management	Environmental Management Strategy
3011	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Comms	Community feedback complaints register
3012	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Biodiveristy	Acacia meiantha - wattle Translocation Plan
3013	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Heritage	Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan
3014	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Biodiveristy	Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan
3015	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Comms	Secretary's letter of approval for Community Constultative Committee Members
3016	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Construction	Email regarding construction commencement notifications
3017	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Construction	CRWF project overview map
3018	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Site Layout	Micro-siting survey
3019	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Site Layout	Crudine layout final onsite micrositing distance check
3020	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Comms	CRWF Stakeholder Communication Register
3021	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Site	CRWF Visitor Log
3022	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Roads/Traffic	S138 Ammended Approval
3023	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	GEZ Focus Audit Schedule
3024	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	Internal Project Quality Audit Schedule
3025	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	CRWF HSE Activity Planner
3026	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	180814 FFM Focus Audit
3027	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	180904 FP Focus Audit
3028	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	181005 WS Focus Audit
3029	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	181012 NM Focus Audit
3030	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	181102 FF Focus Audit
3031	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	181105 FP Focus Audit
3032	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar Patric Millar	Internal Audit Internal Audit	181211 GEZ A Galland (Noise Management)
3034	27-Aug-19			CRWF Environmental Inspection - 21 September 2018
3035	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	CRWF Environmental Inspection - 26 October 2018
3036	27-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Internal Audit	CRWF Environmental Inspection - 2 November 2018
3037	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Project	CRWF Project Management Plan
3038	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Health and Safety	CRWF Health and Safety Management Plan
3039	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Emergency	CRWF Emergency Management Plan
3040	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Construction	CRWF CEMP
3041	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Quality	CRWF Quality Management Plan
3042	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Project	CRWF Employee Relations Management Plan
3043	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Comms	CRWF Communications Management Plan
3044	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Environmental Management	CRWF CWSMP
3045	02-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Environmental Management	CRWF SWMP
3046 3047	02-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar Patric Millar	Environmental Management WTG	CRWF HHSMP CRWF Turbine Lighting
3047	06-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Audit	CRWF rurbine Lighting CRWF audit item request
3048	06-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	HSE	Zenviron HSE Induction
3049	06-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Project	Overall Project Layout
3051	06-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	WTG	WTG Foundations General Notes
3052	06-Aug-19 06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Biodiveristy	CRWF Aarons Pass Road Induction
3053	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Audit	CRWF Independent Auditor
3054	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	General Project	FC External Upgrades Calculations and Functional Specification
3055	06-Aug-19	Patric Millar	Aarons Pass Road	Dilapidation Report - Aarons Pass Road (pre-upgrade)
3056	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	DPE Aapproval documents	Secretary's letter of approval - BMP, BBAMP, AHMP, TMP, EMS
3057	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Weekly inspections	2 nov 2018 Andrew Galland BMS FRM Rev 7
	-		Weekly inspections	
3058 3059	11-Sep-19 11-Sep-19	Patric Millar Patric Millar	Subcontractor Survellaince Program	26 Oct 2018 Andrew Galland BMS FRM Rev 7 A1-603 Service History
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3060 3061	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar Patric Millar	Subcontractor Survellaince Program Subcontractor Survellaince Program	ICE019 Service History  OSTS Vehicle Maintenance log CAT199D

3062	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Subcontractor Survellaince Program	ZX109 Audit Schedule - 20181122
3063	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Health Safety and Environment	ZX109 TMP HSE Activity Planner
3064	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Environmental Management	CRWF Williams Heath completed sale contract
3065	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Community	Construction Notification Letter to residents
3066	11-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Community	Turbine Layout Notification Letter to residents
3067	12-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Environmental Management	Crudine Ridge EMS
3068	13-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Biodiversity	Acacia meiantha nursery stock
3069	14-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Audit	Environmental Compliance and third party audit report
3070	15-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Construction notification	Construction Commencement letter to Compliance and
				Enforcement branch
3071	16-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Incident Notification	Notification Letter to EPA for Storm Event
3072	17-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Crown Roads	CRWF Licence Crown Roads
3073	18-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Audit	ESCP Audit Report
3074	19-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Licence	Grant of Licence - Lands and Forestry
3075	20-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Land acqusition	Land Sale Contract
3076	21-Sep-19	Patric Millar	ERSED	Progressive Erosion Sediemnt Control Plan
3077	22-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Aviation	Email regarding Revised Obstacle Lighting Plan for Crudine Ridge
				Wind Farm to VOD - Air Services Australia
3078	23-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Aviation	CRWF Aviation Notifications
3079	24-Sep-19	Patric Millar	Substation	Crudine Ridge Substation CEMP - Transgrid
3080	25-Sep-19	Patric Millar	EPL	EPL Annual Return 2018-2019
3081	26-Sep-19	Patric Millar	WTG Layout	Microsited Layout



# APPENDIX D – INDEPENDENT AUDIT TABLE

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### CRUDINE RIDGE AUDIT CHECKLIST

Approv al (ID)	Requirement	Evidence Collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status			
ADMINIS	SCHEDULE 2 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS OBLIGATION TO MINIMISE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT						
2-1	In addition to meeting the specific environmental performance criteria established under this consent, the Applicant shall implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, or decommissioning of the development.	Site environmental controls observed Environmental management documentation sighted	Noting issues with ERSED	С			
TERMS C	OF CONSENT						
2-2	The Applicant shall carry out the development:  a) generally in accordance with the EA; and b) in accordance with the conditions of this consent.  Note: The general layout of the development is shown in Appendix 2.	Environmental management documentation sighted		С			
2-3	If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the conditions of this consent shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.			NT			



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The Applicant shall comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:			
<ul> <li>a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent;</li> <li>b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and</li> <li>c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.</li> </ul>	All works suspended on project until Aarons Pass Road (APR) is completed at the direction of DPIE		С
N CONSENT			
bines			
<ul> <li>The Applicant may construct, operate and replace or upgrade as necessary up to 37 wind turbines.</li> <li>Notes:         <ul> <li>To avoid any doubt, the Applicant does not require additional approval to replace or upgrade wind turbines over time, as long as the replacement or upgrade is carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent.</li> <li>To identify the approved wind turbines, see the figures and corresponding GIS coordinates in Appendix 2.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wind turbine overview map and construction plans sighted with corresponding GIS coordinates of WTG – 37 in total Wind turbines not constructed at the time of the audit This condition will need to be audited upon project completion		NT
_	The Applicant shall comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:  a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent;  b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and  c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.  **CONSENT**  **Dines**  The Applicant may construct, operate and replace or upgrade as necessary up to 37 wind turbines.  Notes:  **To avoid any doubt, the Applicant does not require additional approval to replace or upgrade wind turbines over time, as long as the replacement or upgrade is carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent.  **To identify the approved wind turbines, see the figures and corresponding GIS coordinates in	The Applicant shall comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:  a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent;  b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and  c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.  VICONSENT  bines  The Applicant may construct, operate and replace or upgrade as necessary up to 37 wind turbines.  Notes:  To avoid any doubt, the Applicant does not require additional approval to replace or upgrade wind turbines over time, as long as the replacement or upgrade is carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent.  To identify the approved wind turbines, see the figures and corresponding GIS coordinates in	The Applicant shall comply with any reasonable requirement/s of the Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of:  a) any strategies, plans, programs, reviews, audits, reports or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent; b) any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and c) the implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents.  N CONSENT  The Applicant may construct, operate and replace or upgrade as necessary up to 37 wind turbines.  Notes:  To avoid any doubt, the Applicant does not require additional approval to replace or upgrade wind turbines over time, as long as the replacement or upgrade is carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent.  To identify the approved wind turbines, see the figures and corresponding GIS coordinates in



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2-6	No wind turbines may be greater than 160 metres in height (measured from above ground level to the blade tip).	Wind turbines not constructed at the time of the audit This condition will need to be audited upon project completion		NT
Micro-sit	ing Restrictions			
2-7	The Applicant may micro-site the wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure without further approval provided:  a) they remain within the development corridor shown on the figure in Appendix 2; b) no wind turbine is moved more than 100 metres from the location shown on the figures in Appendix 2; c) no wind turbine is moved closer to residences CR28, CR34, CR41 or HER07 from the GIS locations in Appendix 2; and d) the revised location of the wind turbine and/or ancillary infrastructure would not result in any non-compliance with the conditions of this consent.	Final onsite micro siting distance check document sighted. Document outlines no turbine has been moved greater than 100m from location shown in appendix 2 Distance to residences outlined in document Micrositing checklist sighted – completed by GEZ to assess the location of the turbines and compliance with all the relevant conditions. Locations, within 50m of waterways, compliance etc.		С
Final Layout Plans				
2-8	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant shall submit detailed plans of the final layout of the development to the Secretary, including:  a) details on the micro-siting of any wind turbines and/or ancillary infrastructure; and b) the GIS coordinates of the wind turbines.	Final onsite micro siting distance check document sighted. Document states the GIS coordinate of each WTG  Email correspondence 14/04/2018 sighted with final onsite micrositing		С



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	Note: If the construction of the development is to be staged, then the provision of these plans may be staged.	distance check excel document and micrositing layout report completed by ecological Australia			
NOTIFICA	ATION TO DEPARTMENT				
2-9	Prior to the commencement of the construction, operation and/or decommissioning of the development, the Applicant shall notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement.  If the construction, operation and/or decommissioning of the development is to be staged, then the Applicant must:  a) notify the Department in writing prior to the commencement of the relevant stage, and clearly identify the development that would be carried out during the relevant stage; and  b) inform the local community and the Community Consultation Committee about the proposed staging plans	Email informing DPIE of planned commencement of construction for CRWF sighted. 12/04/2018 DPIE noted that CWP has confirmed key design parameters for the project. Planned construction commencement is for 1 May 2018. Project will not be staged.		С	
STRUCTU	STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY				
2-10	The Applicant shall ensure that the wind turbines are constructed in accordance with the relevant standards, including the structural design requirements of IEC 61400-1 Wind turbines – Part 1: Design Requirements (or equivalent).	WTG Foundation document sighted Some bases had been constructed however no masts or turbines had been installed at this stage of the project		NT	
2-11	The Applicant shall ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing	No buildings or structures affected		NT	



V	buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA.		Status
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	<ul> <li>Under Part 4A of the EP&amp;A Act, the Applicant is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works.</li> <li>Part 8 of the EP&amp;A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the development.</li> </ul>		
DEMOLITIO	ON		
<b>2-12</b> is	The Applicant shall ensure that all demolition work on site is carried out in accordance with AS 2601-2001: The Demolition of Structures, or its latest version.	No demolition has occurred.	NT
PROTECTIO	ON OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
<b>2-13</b> T	Unless the Applicant and the applicable authority agree otherwise, the Applicant shall:  a) repair, or pay the full costs associated with repairing, any public infrastructure that is damaged by the development; and b) relocate, or pay the full costs associated with relocating, any public infrastructure that needs to be relocated as a result of the development.  This condition does not apply to the upgrade and maintenance of the road network, which is expressly provided for in the conditions of this consent.	Completed dial before you dig form sighted.  Excavation and ground disturbance permit sighted.  No impact to any services observed.  Council roads dilapidation report for APR sighted	С



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2-14	The Applicant shall ensure that all plant and equipment used on site, or in connection with the development, is:  a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and  b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.	CEMP sighted with relevant mitigation measures relating to the maintenance of all plant and equipment  Asset history report for GR-0603 – an A1 grader sighted. 500 hours service. (dated 11 October 2019).  Weed and hygiene inspection prior to company bringing equipment onsite signs weed control form and then GEZ representative also signs to confirm they have also assessed the equipment.  Heavy equipment pre-operational check and defect report (daily) sighted. (checking for oil leaks)  Light vehicle daily/pre-start checklist form sighted. Signed off by GEZ representative.		С
UPDATIN	G & STAGING OF STRATEGIES, PLANS OR PROGRAMS			
2-15	With the approval of the Secretary, the Applicant may submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a progressive basis.  To ensure the strategies, plans or programs under the conditions of this consent are updated on a regular basis, the Applicant may at any time submit revised strategies, plans or programs to the Secretary for approval.	Updated TMP, BMP, EMS – sighted Approval letters from DPIE - sighted		С



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	With the agreement of the Secretary, the Applicant may prepare any revised strategy, plan or program without undertaking consultation with all the parties referred to under the relevant condition of this consent.			
	<ul> <li>While any strategy, plan or program may be submitted on a progressive basis, the Applicant must ensure that all development being carried out on site is covered by suitable strategies, plans or programs at all times.</li> <li>If the submission of any strategy, plan or program is to be staged, then the relevant strategy, plan or program must clearly describe the specific stage to which the strategy, plan or program applies, the relationship of this stage to any future stages, and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program.</li> </ul>			
COMMU	NITY ENHANCEMENT			
2-16	Prior to the commencement of construction, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant shall enter into VPAs with the Councils in accordance with:  a) Division 6 of Part 4 of the EP&A Act; and b) the terms of the applicable offer in Appendix 3.	VPAs – mid west regional council and Bathurst regional council.		С
SCHEDULE 3				
ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS - GENERAL				
ACQUISIT	ACQUISITION UPON REQUEST			



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3-1	For a period of 5 years from the commencement of construction of the applicable cluster, the owner(s) of the land listed in Table 1 may request the Applicant to acquire their land. Upon receiving a written request from these owner(s), the Applicant shall acquire the land in accordance with the procedures in conditions 2 and 3 of schedule 4.  However, this condition does not apply if the Applicant has an agreement with the owner(s) of the relevant land in regard to visual impacts associated with the development, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.  Table 1: Land subject to acquisition upon request  Acquisition Basis  Land  Cluster  Visual Impact  CR33, CR34  Visual Impact  CR33, CR34  Visual Impact  CR15, CR18, CR24, CR41  Pyramul (Turbines A61 to A61)  Note: To identify the land, clusters and wind turbines referred to in Table 1, see the figures in Appendix 2.					С
VISUAL						
Visual Im	pact Mitigation					
3-2	For a period of 5 years from the commencement of construction of the development the owner(s) of:  a) the land listed in Table 1 (unless the landowner has requested acquisition or has an agreement b) with the Applicant in regard to visual impacts); c) the residences listed in Table 2; or d) any other non-associated residence within 4 kilometres of any wind turbine, may request			No visual impact mitigation requests received		С



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	additional visual mitigatio residence. Upon receiving these owner(s), the Applic visual impact mitigation mandscaping, vegetation so awnings/blinds) at the rescurtilage) in consultation was table 2: Visual impact mitigation upon request	a written request from cant shall implement neasures (such as creening, provision of cidence (including its			
	Residence	Characterisation of impact			
	CR19, CR27, CR28, CR35, CR36, CR37, SFR04, SFR05, SFR08	Moderate			
	SFR10, SFR11, SFR12, SFR13, SFR14, SFR15, SFR16, SFR17, SFR18, SFR19, SFR20, PL01, CR26	Low			
	These mitigation measures must be	e reasonable and			
	feasible, directed towards reducin	g the visual impacts of			
	the wind turbines on the residenc	e (including its			
	curtilage), and commensurate wit				
	impact.				
	The mitigation measures must be	implemented within 12			
	months of receiving the written re	•			
	Secretary agrees otherwise.	ancos, ameso me			
	If the Applicant and the owner car	anot agree on the			
	measures to be implemented, or t	•			
	the implementation of these mea	·			
	may refer the matter to the Secre				
	may refer the matter to the secre	tary for resolution.			
	Notes:				
	<ul> <li>To identify the residences</li> </ul>	referred to in Table			
	2,see the figures in Appen	•			



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	<ul> <li>To avoid any doubt, the visual impact mitigation measures must be aimed at reducing the visibility of the wind turbines from the residence and its curtilage. Mitigation measures are not required to be implemented to reduce the visibility of wind turbines from other locations on the property.</li> <li>In some cases, mitigation measures may not be warranted as the wind turbines would not be visible from the residence and its curtilage.</li> <li>The identification of appropriate visual impact mitigation measures will be easier following the construction of the wind turbines. While landowners may ask for the implementation of visual impact mitigation measures shortly after the commencement of construction, they should consider the merits of delaying this request until the wind turbines are visible from their residence.</li> </ul>			
Visual Ap	pearance			
3-3	The Applicant shall:  a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the off-site visual impacts of the development;  b) ensure the wind turbines are:  • painted off white/grey; and  • finished with a surface treatment that minimises the potential for glare and reflection;	CEMP sighted with Visual Amenity mitigation measures included in document relating to clearing activities and new structures. (does not included measures regarding WTG) WTG specification sighted – included colour of turbines as RAL 7035.		NT



c) ensure the visual appearance of all ancillary infrastructure (including paint colours, specifications and screening) blends in as far as possible with the surrounding landscape; and not mount any advertising signs or logos on wind turbines or ancillary infrastructure.  Lighting  The Applicant shall:  a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the off-site lighting impacts of the development; b) ensure that any aviation hazard lighting complies with CASA's requirements; c) ensure that all external lighting associated with the development (apart from any aviation hazard lighting):  • is installed as low intensity lighting (except where required for safety or emergency purposes); • does not shine above the horizontal; • uses best management practice for bat deterrence; • and complies with Australian Standard AS4282 (INT) 1997—Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting, or its latest version.  CEMP sighted with mitigation measures relating to light sources. Aviation Obstacle lighting plan map sighted	Approv al (ID)	Requirement	Evidence Collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status
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Shadow Flicker	Charley I				



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3-5	The Applicant shall ensure that shadow flicker from operational wind turbines does not exceed 30 hours per annum at any non-associated residence.	Operational condition – not covered in this audit.		NT
NOISE AN	ND VIBRATION			
Construc	tion and Decommissioning			
3-6	The Applicant shall implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the construction or decommissioning noise of the development, including any associated traffic noise.	CEMP sighted with noise and vibration mitigation measures No excessive noise experienced during the audit Traffic control		С
3-7	The Applicant shall ensure that the noise generated by any construction or decommissioning activities is managed in accordance with the best practice requirements outlined in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009), or its latest version.	CEMP mitigation measures prepared in accordance with AS 2436 (Guide to noise and vibration control on construction, maintenance and demolition sites), or equivalent, and Noise Management (BMS-WOP-1004) and Vibration Management (BMS-WOP-1007).  No issues or incidents relating to noise have been reported		С
3-8	Unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant shall only undertake construction or decommissioning activities between:  a) 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday; b) 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and c) at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays.	CEMP outlines work hours to be restricted to the authorised hours with approval for out of hours works to occur under certain circumstances No out of hours works have occurred.		С



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al (ID)	The following construction activities may be undertaken outside these hours without the approval of the Secretary:  • activities that are inaudible at non-associated residences;  • the delivery of materials as requested by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or  • emergency work to avoid the loss of life, property	Induction outlines working hours – sighted.  CEMP sighted with noise and vibration mitigation measures included for sensitive receivers.  Weekly sensitive receiver noise observation checklist sighted. Final checklist dated 18/12	Recommendations	Status
	and/or material harm to the environment.	Unattended noise monitoring document sighted – noise monitoring conducted in relation to any complaints received about the project.  Non-tonal reversing alarm used on light vehicles.  Plant and equipment that comes onto site have service records, completed approval form for all plant and equipment to ensure they		
		comply. Incoming plant inspection report sighted.		
3-9	The Applicant shall only carry out blasting on site between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday and between 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday. No blasting is allowed on Sundays or public holidays.	Blasting mitigation measures outlined in CEMP No blasting has been undertaken		NT



Approv al (ID)	Requirement													Evidence Collected	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status
3-10	The Applicant shal during the construexceed the criteria Table 3: Blasting criteria Location  Any non- associated residence	ctio in <sup>-</sup>	n ο Γab Jast o	fthe	e de	evel		nen	nt d	oes	owable of the or ever	e exc	numb over a			NT
Operatio	nal Noise Criteria –	Win	d T	urb	ines	5									1	I
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3-11	CR26, 27, 28  CR32, 33, 34, 35, 36  CR37, HER3, 4, TR1, 2, 3, 4 5, 6  HER10, 11, 13  PL1, 2, PR1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, SFR1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19  All other non-associated residences	35 35 35	35 35 35	35 35 35 35 35 highe	35 35 35 35	35 : 37 : 35 : 35 dB(A	35 : 35 : 39 : 37 :	37 4 35 3 41 4 39 4	40 4 36 3 43 4 41 4	12 4 38 3 15 4 13 4	45 4 39 4 46 4 44 4	7 5 0 4 6 4 6 4	60 50 11 40 16 40 16 40	2 3 3		
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	Note: To identify the residences referred to in Table 4, see the applicable figures in Appendix 2.  Noise generated by the operation of the wind turbines is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements of the South Australian Environment Protection Authority's Wind Farms – Environmental Noise Guidelines 2009 (or its latest version), as modified by the provisions in Appendix 4. If this guideline is replaced by an equivalent NSW guideline, then the noise generated is to be measured in accordance with the requirements in			
Operatio	the NSW guideline.  nal Noise Criteria – Ancillary Infrastructure			
3-12	The Applicant shall ensure that the noise generated by the operation of ancillary infrastructure does not exceed 35 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) at any non-associated residence.  Noise generated by the development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (or its equivalent) as modified by the provisions in Appendix 4.	Operational condition – not covered in this audit.		NT
Noise Mo	onitoring			
3-13	Within 3 months of the commencement of operations, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary, the Applicant shall:  a) undertake noise monitoring to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent; and	Operational condition – not covered in this audit.		NT



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	<ul> <li>b) submit a copy of the monitoring results to the Department and the EPA.</li> </ul>			
3-14	The Applicant shall undertake further noise monitoring of the development if required by the Secretary.	No requests from the Secretary have been made.		NT
AIR				
3-15	The Applicant shall:  (a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the off-site dust and fume emissions of the development; and  (b) minimise the surface disturbance of the site.	Mitigation measures for dust generation, suppression and isolation sighted in CEMP Water carts observed onsite running before work starts, mid morning, before lunch, and before workers leave. Speed and traffic control was observed Visual dust monitoring and inspections are conducted each week. No fugitive dust emissions were observed.		С
WATER				
Water Su		I		
3-16	The Applicant shall ensure that it has sufficient water for all stages of the development, and if necessary, adjust the scale of the development to match its available water supply.	Soil and Water Management Plan sighted Water comes from mid-western standpipe. Invoiced by council. A1 Earthworks access water and they		С



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	Note: Under the Water Act 1912 and/or the Water	are then invoiced for the amount		
	Management Act 2000, the Applicant is required to obtain	that is used.		
	the necessary water licences for the development.	Conditions A1 have been given		
		regarding accessing water from		
		council – sighted. Tax invoice for		
		water used sighted.		
		Options currently being explored:		
		recycled water potential. Access to water before it's treated or water		
		from a treatment plant that has been		
		treated to a tertiary level.		
Water Po	Illution	treated to a tertiary reven		
water 10	<u> </u>	Cail and Water Management Dlan	As the storm event exceeded	
	Unless an EPL authorises otherwise, the Applicant shall ensure that the development does not cause any water	Soil and Water Management Plan sighted	Managing Urban Stormwater:	
	pollution.	Incident occurred following storm	Soils and Construction (Landcom,	
	Note: Section 120 of the POEO Act makes it an offence to	event in February – the incident was	2004) design criteria, it was not	
	pollute any waters.	reported to the EPA. This is a	practical to control the runoff	
3-17	ponate any waters.	potential exceedance of the EPL,	with the existing controls.	NC
		although no regulatory action was	Although no regulatory action	
		taken. The event occurred during a	was undertaken by the EPA the	
		heavy storm and above design	event was a potential breach of	
		parameters for erosion controls	Condition L1.1 of EPL 21090.	
Operating	g Conditions			
	The Applicant shall:	Section 2 of the SWMP	It was observed that the Project	
3-18	a) ensure that all activities are undertaken in	Bunded fuel tank observed at the	was not achieving compliance	NC
	accordance with:	southern site compound.	with the <i>Managing Urban</i>	



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	<ul> <li>OEH's Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) manual, or its latest version;</li> <li>DPI's guidelines for waterway crossings and fish passage, including:         <ul> <li>Policy and Guidelines for Fish Friendly Waterway Crossings (2004), or its latest version;</li> <li>Why Do Fish Need to Cross the Road? Fish Passage Requirements for Waterway</li> <li>Crossings (2004), or its latest version, and</li> <li>Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2012), or its latest version; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) ensure that the storage and handling of all dangerous goods and hazardous materials is undertaken in accordance with AS1940-2004: The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids, or its latest version.</li> </ul>	Drawings for sediment basin sighted.  CPESC visited site in April 2019 and June 2019 and visit intermittently to do inspections on ERSED. Soil and water management plan revised following visit. Conducted joint ERSED inspection of the whole site with GEZ. Another visit is due in October 2019  Formal site inspections are performed weekly.	Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) A more consistent approach is required for the erosion and sediment control across the project including the following points:  • stabilisation of temporary stockpiles • maintenance of sediment fences • consistent use of polymer (or equivalent soil stabiliser) • Prevention of rilling of temporary road batters  It was also observed that additional spill kits and spill resources are required at permanent locations where refuelling is taking place.  Recommendation: The following recommendations are made:  • The appointed Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control returns to the project to	



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BIODIVE			assess existing processes and resources dedicated to erosion and sediment control and provide recommendations to ensure compliance with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2204) requirements.  Provide erosion and sediment control training to key management and supervisory personnel  Provide additional spill response resources (e.g. fully stocked wheelie bin) to vehicle refuelling area	
	g Conditions			
3-19	The Applicant shall:  a) ensure, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, that no more than:  • 5.7 hectares of Box Gum Woodland is cleared for the development, including the 0.95 hectares that would be cleared for the Aarons Pass Road upgrades;  • 5.64 hectares of Red Stringybark - Red Box - Long-leaved Box - Inland Scribbly Gum is	Biodiversity Management Plan sighted- states clearing will be undertaken in accordance with the limits outlined in the conditions.  Threatened flora management measures sighted in BMP to manage impacts on the small purple pea and procedures for clearing.		С



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	cleared for the Aarons Pass Road upgrades; and b) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise:         • impacts on the Small-Purple Pea (Swainsona recta), Acacia meiantha and Pomaderris cotoneaster;         • limb-lopping of hollow bearing trees along Aarons Pass Road;         • impacts on threatened bird and bat populations;         • the approved clearing of native woodland vegetation and fauna habitat, including hollow-bearing trees; and c) if micro-siting wind turbines, ensure that the revised location of the turbine is at least 30 metres from any existing hollow-bearing trees, and where reasonable and feasible, 50 metres from any existing hollow-bearing tree, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.  Note: In considering a request for micro-siting of turbines within 30 m of existing hollow-bearing trees, the Secretary will consider safety concerns, the constructability of the turbine, and/or whether the micro-siting would materially increase biodiversity impacts.	Bird and Bat adaptive management plan sighted.  BMP states micrositing will be conducted in accordance with relevant conditions  The coordinates of wind turbines in conditions will be followed for the project.  Surveyor visits the site and marks extent of blade sweep paths – marks with pegs white and pink (colours align with APR induction)  Ecologist was observed tagging habitat trees. Also assesses that the boundary markings are in place. She then signs off portions of the site for approval  Threatened species were observed to be flagged with hazard tape.  Signs for endangered species and native vegetation areas were also observed.  Boundary was marked out using the boundary line.  The whole site induction register sighted for all inductees – this includes 8 modules including the APR		



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		module, cultural heritage module, flora and fauna (biosecurity, weeds and pests, habitat trees, pest plant control measures and a HSE module). Weekly project updates from ecological sighted.  CWP is the main contact with the EPA –the EPA contact came out and visited after the storm event.  APR Ecological pre-clearance survey and progress report – sighted  Vegetation clearance table sighted that totals extent of vegetation that has been cleared to date.  Weekly clearance reports by EPC ecologist sighted.		
Biodivers	ity Offset Strategy - Wind Farm			
3-20	Within 2 years of the commencement of construction, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must enter into a stewardship agreement under the BC Act for the enhancement and protection of the 674 Biodiversity Offset Area (see the figure in Appendix 5) in accordance with the biodiversity offset strategy described in the EA for the development.	Copy of contract to purchase sighted		NT
Biodivers	ity Offset - Aarons Pass Road			



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3-21	Within 2 years of the commencement of construction, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the Applicant must retire biodiversity credits of a number and class specified in Tables 5 and 6 below.  The retirement of credits must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Biodiversity  Offsets Scheme and can be achieved by:  i. acquiring or retiring 'biodiversity credits' within the meaning of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;  ii. making payments into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund; and  iii. funding a biodiversity conservation action that benefits the threatened entity impacted by the development, consistent with the 'Ancillary rules: Biodiversity conservation actions'.	No credits obtained yet as the process of obtaining credits is yet to commence (2 years has not yet passed).		NT



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	Table 5: Ecosystem Credit Requirements					
	Vegetation Community	PCT ID	Credits Req			
	Blakely's Red Gum – Yellow Box grassy tall woodland of the N South Western Slopes Bioregion	277	16			
	Red Stringybark – Red Box – Long-leaved Box – Inland Scribb Gum tussock grass shrub low open forest on hills in the souther part of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion		123			
	Table 6: Species Credit Requirements			_		
	Species	Credits F	Required			
	Glossy Black Cockatoo	15	4			
	Powerful Owl	15	4			
	Masked Owl	15	4			
	Koala	15	6			
	Acacia meiantha	5				
	Pomaderris cotoneaster	1				
Biodivers	ity Management Plan					
	Prior to carrying out further work on tl	he upgrades (	on	Updated biodiversity management		
	Aarons Pass Road after the date of app	proval of		plan provided following mod 1 and		
	Modification 1, the Applicant must pre	epare a revise	ed .	DPIE comments. Revision date –		
	Biodiversity Management Plan for the	developmen	t to	12/07/2019.		
	the satisfaction of the Secretary. This p	olan must:		Letter of approval from the Secretary		
	a) be prepared in consultation w	ith OEH and [	DoE;	has been provided for the version 5		
3-22	and			BMP dated July 2019.		С
	b) include a:			Translocation plan for Acacia		
	<ul> <li>description of the measures th</li> </ul>	nat would be		meiantha sighted		
	implemented for:		Bird and Bat Adaptive Management			
	<ul> <li>satisfying the requiren</li> <li>19 above;</li> </ul>	nents in cond	ition	Plan sighted		
	- rehabilitating and reve	pgetating		Section 5 of BMP – APR		
	temporary disturbance	-		environmental monitoring		



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	meiant the Aar • Bird an include - bas the by - the	protecting vegetation and fauna habitat outside the approved disturbance area; maximising the salvage of resources such as vegetative and soil resources within the approved disturbance area, including along Aarons Pass Road, for beneficial reuse such as fauna habitat enhancement on site and/or in the biodiversity offset area; collecting and propagating seed (where relevant); minimising the impacts on fauna on site, including undertaking pre-clearance surveys; controlling weeds and feral pests; controlling access; and minimising bushfire risks; slocation Plan for moving any Acacia tha in the approved development area for rons Pass Road upgrades; and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, that as: seline data on bird and bat populations in a locality that could potentially be affected a development, particularly 'at risk' species of threatened species;	Weed hygiene inspection form for the excavator used on APR sighted. CRWF ARP upgrade – forecasted ground disturbance summary sheet sighted – record of how much of a particular PCT (protected threatened communities) group is within the area. Reference column that the ecologist (ecological – GEZ) survey has been done, another column signing off that phase one clearing has been done and another column to sign off that phase 2 clearing has been done and another column if any additional pruning of overhanging trees has been completed.  Independent auditor checkoff sheet to be put on the website – from ecologist commissioned by CWP.  Ground disturbance permit – in induction that is managed by the supervisor onsite.  EWMS sighted. Lists areas and comments of things that are being worked on – clearing and construction.		



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	<ul> <li>a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented on site for minimising</li> <li>bird and bat strike during operation of the development, including:         <ul> <li>minimising the availability of raptor perches;</li> <li>prompt carcass removal;</li> <li>controlling pests;</li> <li>using best practice methods for bat deterrence, including managing potential lighting</li> <li>impacts;</li> <li>adaptive management of turbines to reduce mortality; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>a program to monitor and report on the vegetation clearing required for the Aarons Pass Road upgrades, including:         <ul> <li>a clear methodology to calculate and verify the vegetation clearing;</li> <li>verification of the vegetation clearing by suitably qualified experts;</li> <li>regular reporting on the scale and nature of the vegetation clearing on the proponent's website; and</li> <li>the publication of a detailed report documenting all the clearing undertaken for the road upgrades on the proponent's website within 4 weeks of completing the final clearing; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	BMP – outlines that mulching will occur. Mulching was observed during the audit – stockpiling of mulching was observed for revegetation at a later date  Translocation plan sighted Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan sighted.		



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	<ul> <li>(c) include a detailed program to monitor and report on</li> <li>the effectiveness of these measures and plans; and</li> <li>bird and bat strike annually, or as otherwise directed by the Secretary</li> </ul>			
3-23	Following approval, the Applicant must implement the measures described in the Biodiversity Management Plan.	ARP induction sighted		С
HERITAG	E			
Protectio	n of Aboriginal Heritage Items			
3-25	The Applicant shall ensure that the development does not cause any direct or indirect impact on any Aboriginal heritage items located outside the approved disturbance area.	Observed during site visit that traffic is contained within project areas (i.e no impacts outside the project boundary)		С
Aborigina	al Heritage Management Plan			
3-26	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant shall prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:  c) be prepared in consultation with OEH and Aboriginal stakeholders; and d) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:  • minimising ground disturbance within the project area during construction and decommissioning works;	Aboriginal heritage plan approval letter from DPIE sighted. Heritage protocol includes:  1. Design 2. Identifying salvage items 3. Salvage exercise Cultural Heritage induction module sighted. Includes an unexpected finds procedure, No unexpected finds have occurred.		С



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	<ul> <li>managing impacts to Aboriginal heritage items within the project disturbance area;</li> <li>managing the discovery of human remains or previously unidentified Aboriginal heritage items on site; and</li> <li>ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that suitable records are kept of these inductions.</li> </ul>	Exclusion zone on the southern sighted which was implemented by GEZ.  Environmental risk module sighted.  Email trail with archaeologist who assessed the project and conducted surveys sighted. Talking and going though design overlayed with what was assessed by archaeologist.  GEZ sent archaeologist the projects CAD files to determine what artefacts needed salvaging.  Document – summary of the aboriginal objects identified within the project boundary sighted. On document - SU3L3 was the object sighted during site visit in the southern area of the site (exclusion zone.). Object location sighted on google earth  Qualified archaeologist report sighted – outlines objects that were salvaged – provided by NSW Archaeology.  NSW Archaeology letter sighted addressed to GEZ outlines objects		



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		that were salvaged and includes table.  Prestart attended by auditors on 11/09/2019 that included a cultural heritage moment as part of the environment briefing.		
3-27	Following approval, the Applicant must implement the measures described in the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan.	Exclusion zone observed Induction module Salvage of artefacts with NSW Archaeologists		С
TRANSPO	DRT			
Road Upg	grades – Aarons Pass Road			
3-28	Prior to the commencement of construction (other than pre-construction minor works or the construction of the external overhead transmission line), the Applicant shall:  a) undertake the road upgrades and other traffic management measures (including the construction of passing bays) identified in Appendix 6 to the satisfaction of MWRC;  b) upgrade the existing intersection between Aarons Pass Road and the Castlereagh Highway to the satisfaction of the RMS, unless the RMS determines these upgrades are unnecessary; and c) Construct the new intersection between Aarons Pass Road and the northern site access road to the satisfaction of MWRC. The intersection design must include:	RMS upgraded APR intersection. All oversize vehicles will come through APR. Traffic management is enforced through the induction - outlines that heavy vehicles cannot use Sally's Flat Road — sighted. Only light vehicles can use Sally's Flat Road. Construction of external overhead transmission line has not begun a) passing bays not yet constructed b) not upgraded as no work is proposed (RMS upgraded roads)		С



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	<ul> <li>a widened shoulder prior to the intersection to assist turning vehicles; and/or</li> <li>a widened intersection to facilitate the flow of entering traffic off the road; and/or</li> <li>placing site entrance gates back from the road so that they do not create a hold point for entering vehicles prior to their egress from Aarons Pass Road.</li> <li>The Applicant may commence construction of the external overhead transmission line (as identified in Appendix 2), prior to completion of the Aarons Pass Road upgrades set out in this condition, provided that all heavy and over-dimensional vehicles associated with the construction of this transmission line:         <ul> <li>access the site from Bombandi Road; and</li> <li>do not use Aarons Pass Road before it has been</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	c) Section 138 for APR sighted. Permit is for the whole of APR. Yet to commencement construction.		
Road Upg	upgraded in accordance with this condition.  grades – Bombandi Road			
3-29	Prior to the commencement of the external transmission line (see the figures in Appendix 2), the Applicant shall:  a) undertake the road upgrades and other traffic management measures identified in Appendix 6 to the satisfaction of MWRC; and b) upgrade the existing intersection between Bombandi Road and the Castlereagh Highway to the satisfaction of the RMS, unless the RMS determines these upgrades are unnecessary.	External transmission line yet to be constructed		NT
Road Ma	intenance		1	<u> </u>



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3-30	a) prepare a pre-dilapidation survey of the transport route prior to the commencement of any construction or decommissioning works other than pre-construction minor works; b) prepare a post-dilapidation survey of the transport route within 1 month of the completion of construction or decommissioning works other than pre-construction minor works, or other timing as may be agreed by the applicable roads authority; and c) rehabilitate and/or make good any project-related damage identified in the post-dilapidation survey within 2 months of the completion of survey, or other timing as may be agreed by the relevant roads authority, to the satisfaction of the relevant roads authority.  If the construction and/or decommissioning of the development is to be staged, the obligations in this condition apply to each stage of construction and/or decommissioning.  If there is a dispute about the scope of any remedial works or the implementation of the works, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.	Dilapidation report for APR sighted. CWP is only responsible for council roads Post dilapidation report not yet triggered as construction has not yet been completed		С
Unforme	d Crown Roads			



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3-31	The Applicant shall ensure the future use of any unformed Crown road reserve is not compromised by the development.	Grant of licence cover letter sighted		С
Restricti	on on Transport Routes			
3-32	The Applicant shall ensure that all:  a) over-dimensional vehicle access to and from the site is via the northern route using Castlereagh Highway and Aarons Pass Road;  b) over-dimensional vehicle access through Mudgee is via:  • Route 1 (using Castlereagh Highway, Market Street, Douro Street and Horatio Street), for vehicles up to 50 metres length; or  • Route 2 (using Castlereagh Highway, Market Street, Cox Street, Short Street, Lawson Street, Mortimer Street, Burrundulla Avenue and Horatio Street), for vehicles more than 50 metres length;  c) other heavy vehicle access to and from the site is via:  • the northern route using Castlereagh Highway and Aarons Pass Road; or  • the southern route using Hill End Road and the Ilford-Sofala Road or Sofala Road; or  • the minor access routes using Bombandi Road and/or Crudine Road, unless the Secretary approves otherwise.  Notes:	Outlined in TMP - Southern haulage route through the blue mountains is being used – secretary has approved this route.		NT



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	<ul> <li>The Applicant is required to obtain relevant permits under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (NSW) for the use of over-dimensional vehicles on the road network.</li> <li>Identified over-dimensional vehicle access routes through Mudgee are shown in Appendix 7.</li> </ul>			
Traffic M	anagement			
3-33	Prior to carrying out further work on the upgrades on Aarons Pass Road after the date of approval of Modification 1 or the commencement of the Bombandi Road upgrades, whichever occurs first, the Applicant must prepare a revised Traffic Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must be prepared in consultation with RMS and the Councils, and include:  a) details of all transport routes and traffic types to be used for development-related traffic; b) a protocol for undertaking dilapidation surveys to assess the:  • existing condition of the transport route/s prior to construction or decommissioning works; and  • condition of the transport route/s following construction or decommissioning works; c) a protocol for the repair of any roads identified in the dilapidation surveys to have been damaged during construction or decommissioning works; d) details of the measures that would be implemented to minimise traffic safety issues and	Updated Traffic Management Plan sighted. Letter of approval from DPIE sighted. Variable Message (VMS) signs observed Traffic control plan for each of worksite Traffic controls observed during audit along APR to control traffic Dust mitigation was occurring - water carts and speed limits APR Induction Sallys flat residents recorded during induction to monitor usage by project personnel		C



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ar (ID)	disruption to local users of the transport route/s during any road upgrades and construction or decommissioning works, including:  • temporary traffic controls, including detours and signage;  • notifying the local community about project-related traffic impacts;  • minimising potential for conflict with school buses and rail services, including avoiding heavy vehicle transport through Mudgee between the hours of 7 am and 10 am and 2 pm and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, as far as practicable;  • undertaking monitoring and maintenance on Aarons Pass Road;  • responding to any emergency repair or maintenance requirements; and  • a traffic management system for managing over-dimensional vehicles; and  e) a drivers code of conduct that addresses:  • travelling speeds;  • procedures to ensure that drivers adhere to the designated transport routes; and  • procedures to ensure that drivers implement safe driving practices, particularly if using		Recommendations	Status
	local roads through Mudgee.  If the construction and/or decommissioning of the development is to be staged, the obligations in this			



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3-37	If the development results in the disruption to radio or telecommunications services in the area, then the Applicant shall make good any disruption to these services as soon as practicable following the disruption. If there is a dispute about the mitigation measures to be implemented or the implementation of these mitigation measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.	No complaints received. Radio communication survey most likely conducted as part of the EIA.		NT
BUSHFIR	E			
3-38	The Applicant shall:  a) ensure that the development:  • provides for asset protection in accordance with the RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 (or equivalent);  • is suitably equipped to respond to any fires on site;  b) develop procedures to manage potential fires on site; and  c) assist the RFS and emergency services as much as practicable if there is a fire in the vicinity of the site.	Emergency management plan contains section that includes section on bushfire management – sighted.  Equipment – water tankers onsite each day, fire extinguishers in each vehicle, hot works permit.  Contact details of local emergency services at the front of the emergency plan – sighted.  Planned incident exercises  Protection of asset → turbine, substation, O&M building.  Daily bushfire risk notifications received on phone app of safety manager.  Slope + aspect clearing  Fire Danger signage at front gate		С



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SAFETY				
3-39 WASTE	The Applicant shall:  a) prepare a Safety Management System for the development in accordance with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 9, 'Safety Management' prior to commissioning any wind turbines on site; and b) implement, and if necessary update, the system over the remaining life of the development.			NT
3-40	The Applicant shall:  a) implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the waste generated by the development;  b) classify all waste in accordance with the EPA's Waste Classification Guidelines and at appropriately licensed waste facilities; and  c) manage the waste in accordance with any requirements under the POEO Act and its associated regulations.	Recycling facilities in place Waste records kept onsite EPL for transporting water from sighted – category 1 and category 2. Waste register sighted No contaminated material or hazardous waste has been found onsite. Environmental site assessment completed by coffey sighted. No contamination observed		С
RFHABILI	ITATION & DECOMMISSIONING	Hazardous substances services provided → EPL for transporting waste → category 1 and category 2.		



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Progressi	ive Rehabilitation				
3-41	proposed for future of soon as reasonably prodecommissioning. All must be taken to min time. Interim rehability when areas prone to	chabilitate all areas of the site not listurbance progressively, that is, as racticable following construction or reasonable and feasible measures imise the total area exposed at any tation strategies shall be employed dust generation, soil erosion and of yet be permanently rehabilitated.	Section 7.6 and 8 of the SWMP One sediment basin is located onsite near the substation. Observed some seeding in rock drains		С
Rehabilit	ation Objectives – Dec	ommissioning			
3-42	'''	Phabilitate the site to the satisfaction rehabilitation must comply with the  Objective  Safe, stable and non-polluting Minimise the visual impact of any above ground a infrastructure agreed to be retained for an alternative use as is reasonable and feasible Restore native vegetation generally as identified in the EATO be decommissioned and removed, unless the Seagrees otherwise  To be decommissioned and removed, unless an alternative use is identified to the satisfaction of the Secretary of th	Therefore – proposal is to stabilise drainage (sighted) and seed. Some seeding has occurred, although		NT
	Land use Community	Restore or maintain land capability as described in the Ex     Ensure public safety			
Decomm	issioning of Wind Turb	ines			
3-43		st be decommissioned within 18 on of operations, unless the erwise.			NT



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3-44	Any individual wind turbines which cease operating for more than 12 consecutive months must be dismantled within 18 months after that 12 month period, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.			NT
Schedule	4 – Additional Procedures			
NOTIFICA	ATION OF LANDOWNERS			
4-1	Within 1 month of the commencement of development under this consent, the Applicant shall notify in writing the owners of:  a) the land listed in Table 1 of schedule 3 that they have the right to require the Applicant to acquire their land in accordance with the procedures in conditions 2 and 3 below at any time within 5 years after the commencement of construction of the applicable cluster; and b) the land/residences listed in Table 1 and Table 2 of schedule 3, and any other non-associated residence within 4 kilometres of any wind turbine, that they have the right to request the Applicant to implement visual impact mitigation measures at their residence (including its curtilage) at any time within 5 years following the commencement of construction of the development.  In addition to the notification requirements in 1(a) above, within 1 month of the commencement of construction of the applicable cluster under this consent, the Applicant shall re-notify in writing the owners of the land listed in	Notification provided to residents sighted.		С



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	Table 1 of schedule 3 that construction of the applicable cluster has commenced.			
LAND A	CQUISITION			
4-2	Within 3 months of receiving a written request from a landowner with acquisition rights, the Applicant shall make a binding written offer to the landowner based on:  a) the current market value of the landowner's interest in the land at the date of this written request, as if the land was unaffected by the development, having regard to the:  • existing and permissible use of the land, in accordance with the applicable planning instruments at the date of the written request; and  • presence of improvements on the land and/or any approved building or structure which has been physically commenced at the date of the landowner's written request, and is due to be completed subsequent to that date, but excluding any improvements or reasonable costs that have resulted from the implementation of the visual impact mitigation measures in condition 2 of schedule 3;  b) the reasonable costs associated with:  • relocating within the Bathurst or Mid-Western Regional local government	The proponent advised that no written requests have been received		NT



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	areas, or to any other local government area determined by the Secretary; and  • obtaining legal advice and expert advice for determining the acquisition price of the land, and the terms upon which it is to be acquired; and  c) reasonable compensation for any disturbance caused by the land acquisition process.  However, if at the end of this period, the Applicant and landowner cannot agree on the acquisition price of the land and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.			
	Upon receiving such a request, the Secretary shall request the President of the NSW Division of the Australian Property Institute to appoint a qualified independent valuer to:			
	<ul> <li>consider submissions from both parties;</li> <li>determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the land and/or the terms upon which the land is to be acquired, having regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a)-(c) above;</li> <li>prepare a detailed report setting out the reasons for any determination; and</li> <li>provide a copy of the report to both parties.</li> <li>Within 14 days of receiving the independent valuer's report, the Applicant shall make a binding written offer to the landowner to purchase the land at a price not less than the independent valuer's determination.</li> </ul>			



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	However, if either party disputes the independent			
	valuer's determination, then within 14 days of receiving			
	the independent valuer's report, they may refer the			
	matter to the Secretary for review. Any request for a			
	review must be accompanied by a detailed report setting			
	out the reasons why the party disputes the independent			
	valuer's determination. Following consultation with the			
	independent valuer and both parties, the Secretary will			
	determine a fair and reasonable acquisition price for the			
	land, having regard to the matters referred to in			
	paragraphs (a)-(c) above, the independent valuer's			
	report, the detailed report of the party that disputes the			
	independent valuer's determination, whether an			
	adjustment to the market value of the land since the			
	independent valuation was completed is warranted and			
	any other relevant submissions.			
	Within 14 days of this determination, the Applicant shall			
	make a binding written offer to the landowner to			
	purchase the land at a price not less than the Secretary's determination.			
	If the landowner refuses to accept the Applicant's binding			
	written offer under this condition within 6 months of the			
	offer being made, unless the Secretary determines			
	otherwise, then the Applicant's obligations to acquire the			
	land shall cease.			
	The Applicant shall pay all reasonable costs associated			
4-3	with the land acquisition process described in condition 2			NT
	above, including the costs associated with obtaining			



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	Council approval for any plan of subdivision (where permissible), and registration of this plan at the Office of the Registrar-General.			
	e 5 - Environmental Management, Reporting and Auditing NMENTAL MANAGEMENT			
Environn	nental Management Strategy			
5-1	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant shall prepare an Environmental Management Strategy for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This strategy must:  a) provide the strategic framework for         environmental management of the development; b) identify the statutory approvals that apply to the         development; c) describe the role, responsibility, authority and         accountability of all key personnel involved in the         environmental management of the development; d) describe the procedures that would be     implemented to:         keep the local community and relevant         agencies informed about the operation and         environmental performance of the         development;         receive, handle, respond to, and record         complaints;         respond to any non-compliance;         respond to emergencies; and	EMS sighted DPIE approval letter sighted		С



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	<ul> <li>(e) include:         <ul> <li>copies of any strategies, plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent; and</li> <li>a clear plan depicting all the monitoring to be carried out in relation to the development.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
5-2	Following approval, the Applicant shall implement the Environmental Management Strategy.	Site observations and documents reviewed		С
Adaptive	Management			
5-3	The Applicant shall assess and manage development- related risks to ensure that there are no exceedances of the criteria and/or performance measures in schedule 3. Any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures constitutes a breach of this consent and may be subject to penalty or offence provisions under the EP&A Act or EP&A Regulation. Where any exceedance of these criteria and/or performance measures has occurred, the Applicant must, at the earliest opportunity:  a) take all reasonable and feasible steps to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not recur; b) consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to the Department describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or other course of action; and c) implement remediation measures as directed by the Secretary.			С



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Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs						
5-4	<ul> <li>Within 3 months of the submission of:</li> <li>a) the submission of an incident report under condition 6 below;</li> <li>b) the submission of an audit under condition 8 below; or</li> <li>c) any modification to the conditions of this consent (unless the conditions require otherwise), the Applicant shall review and, if necessary, revise the strategies, plans, and programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Where this review leads to revisions in any such document, then within 4 weeks of the review the revised document must be submitted to the Secretary for approval.</li> <li>Note: This is to ensure the strategies, plans and programs are updated on a regular basis, and incorporate any recommended measures to improve the environmental performance of the development.</li> </ul>	Incident summary report for 1 July 2018 to 12 August 2019 sighted. Cintellate database utilised – sighted. Since project inception 6 environmental incidents have occurred. Only minor incidents Major storm event occurred in February 2019. Incident report for the storm event sighted		С		
Commun	nity Consultative Committee					
5-5	The Applicant shall establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This CCC must be established and operated in accordance with any applicable CCC guideline.  Notes:	CRWF Stakeholder communication register sighted. Email regarding establishment of CCC sighted Meetings are held monthly – minutes are on website.		С		



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	<ul> <li>The CCC is an advisory committee. The         Department and other relevant agencies are         responsible for ensuring the Applicant complies         with this consent.</li> <li>The CCC should be comprised of an independent         chair and appropriate representation from the         Applicant, Councils and the local community.</li> </ul>			
REPORTI	NG			
Incident	Notification			
5-6	The Department must be notified in writing to compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of the incident. The notification must identify the development, including the development application number and the name of the development, and set out the location and nature of the biodive.	Section 10.1 of the SWMP Incident report for storm event sighted		С
Non-Com	Non-Compliance Notification			
5-6A	The Department must be notified in writing to compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au within 7 days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance. The notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been done, or will be undertaken, to address the non-compliance.	Incident report for storm event sighted		С



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Regular F	Reporting			
5-7	The Applicant shall provide regular reporting on the environmental performance of the development on its website, in accordance with the reporting arrangements in any plans or programs approved under the conditions of this consent.			С
5-10	The Applicant shall:  a) make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development:  • the EA;  • the final layout plans for the development;  • current statutory approvals for the development;  • approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent;  • the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation and/or  • decommissioning of the development is to be staged;  • a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, which have been reported in accordance with the various plans and programs approved under the conditions of this consent;	Following located on website  - EA  - consolidated consent conditions  - commonwealth approval  - monitoring → management plans?  - complaints register  - CCC minutes  - monitoring results  Following not on website:  - final layout  - annual statement of compliance with epl	The final layout plans for the development and annual Statement of Compliance with the EPL were not available on the Project website.  Recommendation: The documents are to be uploaded to the website.	NC



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	<ul> <li>a complaints register, which is to be updated on a monthly basis;</li> <li>minutes of CCC meetings;</li> <li>the annual Statement of Compliance with the EPL;</li> <li>any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and</li> <li>any other matter required by the Secretary; and</li> <li>keep this information up to date, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.</li> </ul>			



# APPENDIX E - INDEPENDENT AUDIT DECLARATION FORM

Report	Crudine Ridge Wind farm Independent Environmental Audit	1 November 2019
140474	CWP Renewables	Final

## Appendix C – Independent Audit Declaration Form Template

Independent Audit Declaration Form

Project Name	CRUDINE RIDGE WIND FARM	
Consent Number		
Description of Pro	oject Construction of WIND Fram AND CLEARING OF AMOUND	PRS ROM
	AMEONS PASS ROAD CARCALGONY, NSW 2850	
Proponent	CWP RANGUES.	
Title of Audit	CRUDING RIDGE WIND FROM ENVIRONMENTA AUDIT.	
Date	27/9/19.	

I declare that I have undertaken the Independent Audit and prepared the contents of the attached Independent Audit Report and to the best of my knowledge:

- the audit has been undertaken in accordance with relevant condition(s) of consent and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (Department 2018);
- the findings of the audit are reported truthfully, accurately and completely;
- I have exercised due diligence and professional judgement in conducting the audit;
- I have acted professionally, objectively and in an unbiased manner;
- I am not related to any proponent, owner or operator of the project neither as an employer, business partner, employee, or by sharing a common employer, having a contractual arrangement outside the audit, or by relationship as spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- I do not have any pecuniary interest in the audited project, including where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss to me or spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- neither I nor my employer have provided consultancy services for the audited project that were subject to this audit except as otherwise declared to the Department prior to the audit; and
- I have not accepted, nor intend to accept any inducement, commission, gift or any other benefit (apart from payment for auditing services) from any proponent, owner or operator of the project, their employees or any interested party. I have not knowingly allowed, nor intend to allow my colleagues to do so.

#### Notes:

- Under section 10.6 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) in a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The proponent of an approved project must not fail to include information in (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is materially relevant to the monitoring or audit. The maximum penalty is, in the case of a corporation, \$1 million and for an individual, \$250,000; and
- The Crimes Act 1900 contains other offences relating to false and misleading information: section 307B (giving false or misleading information – maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment or 200 penalty units, or both)

Name of Auditor

Signature

Qualification

Company

Company Address

RICHARD PETERSON

BIE (CIVII)

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Project Name	Crudine	Ridge	Wind Farm	
Consent Number		6697		
Description of Projec	(0)(1311	uction	of wind form and dearing of Aaron's Pass Ro	ad
Project Address	Aarons	Pass	Road carcalgong, NSW 2850	
Proponent Cl	NP Renei	wables	3 3,	
Title of Audit Cr	udine Ri	idge Wi	ind Farm Independent Environmental Audit	
Date 27/09		J		

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