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Executive Summary

Neoen Australia Pty Ltd (Neoen) is operating the Hornsdale Wind Farm on behalf of Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd, who received approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the Hornsdale Wind Farm, on 10 May 2013 (EPBC 2012/6573). A *Variation to Conditions Attached to Approval* was received on 3/08/2015. Neoen is contracted by Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd (the approval holder) to ensure compliance with the approval, which is subject to specific conditions of approval.

Condition 11 requires an annual compliance report addressing compliance with each of the conditions of approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. As such, this document has been prepared to provide an annual compliance report for the Hornsdale Wind Farm (EPBC 2012/6573), which commenced on 3 August 2015. This is the tenth annual compliance report for the project and applies to 3 August 2024 to 2 August 2025. During this timeframe, operation and maintenance of the Hornsdale Wind Farm has continued, management plans have been implemented, and monitoring has been undertaken. Apart from three conditions of approval which are not applicable to this annual compliance report, compliance has been achieved for all other conditions of approval.

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
Cth	Commonwealth
EBS Ecology	Environmental and Biodiversity Services Pty Ltd – Ecology (which is now Umwelt)
EMMP	Environmental Management Plan and Monitoring Plan
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Commonwealth)
HWF	Hornsedale Wind Farm
Neoen	Neoen Australia Pty Ltd
OMP	Offset Management Plan (<i>Hornsedale Wind Farm SEB: Native Vegetation and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Management Plan</i> , EBS Ecology 2015)
PBTL	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard (<i>Tiliqua Adelaidensis</i>)
SEB	Significant Environmental Benefit
SEDMP	Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan
the Project	Hornsedale Wind Farm
Umwelt	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator

Definitions (EPBC Act 2012/6573)

Commencement of construction	Commencement of any works involved in the construction phase of the project, including clearing vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures and the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings or infrastructure. This excludes geotechnical investigation works, and the erection of signage, fences, barriers or bunting for the purposes of excluding areas containing listed threatened species and/or ecological communities.
Department	The Australian Government Department responsible for the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
Minister	The Minister responsible for administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Person taking the action	Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd.
Proposed action	To construct and operate the Hornsdale Wind Farm, north of Jamestown in South Australia. The project comprises up to 105 Wind Turbine Generators and associated infrastructure (see EPBC Act referral 2012/6573).
Works	Includes all works involved in the construction, operation and decommissioning of the project. This includes preparatory works required to be undertaken including clearing vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures, laydown and stockpile areas, and the use of heavy equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings, infrastructure, or the removal of infrastructure. This excludes the erection of signage, fences, barriers or bunting for the purposes of excluding areas containing listed threatened species and/or ecological communities

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1.0 Introduction

Neoen Australia Pty Ltd (Neoen) is operating the Hornsdale Wind Farm (HWF; the Project) on behalf of Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd, who received approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the HWF, on 10 May 2013 (EPBC 2012/6573). A *Variation to Conditions Attached to Approval* was received on 3/08/2015. Neoen is contracted by Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd (the approval holder) to ensure compliance with the approval, which is subject to specific conditions of approval (refer to **Appendix A** for the initial approval decision documentation and **Appendix B** for the variation documentation).

In particular, Condition 11 refers to annual compliance reporting, as follows:

Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.

As such, this document has been prepared to provide an annual compliance report for the HWF (EPBC 2012/6573), which commenced on 3 August 2015. This is the tenth annual compliance report for the Project and applies from 3 August 2024 to 2 August 2025. During this timeframe operation and maintenance of the windfarm has continued. A summary of the approved action and compliance report details is provided in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Summary of the Approved Action and Compliance Report Details

EPBC Act number	2012/6573
Project name	Hornsdale Wind Farm, South Australia
Approval holder	Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd
Approval holder ACN / ABN	ACN: 071 292 594. ABN: 39 605 943 137
The approved action	To construct and operate the Hornsdale Wind Farm, north of Jamestown in South Australia. The project comprises up to 105 Wind Turbine Generators and associated infrastructure; as described in the referral received by the department on 9 October 2012 [See EPBC Act referral 2012/6573].
Location of the Project	Approximately 10 km north of Jamestown, in the Mid-North region of South Australia.
Person accepting responsibility for this report	Jean-Christophe Cheylus
Date of approval	10 May 2013

Date of variation to conditions attached to approval	3 August 2015
Date of commencement of the action	3 August 2015
Annual compliance report reporting period	3 August 2024 to 2 August 2025
Date of preparation of this annual compliance report	29 October 2025

1.1 Project Background

The HWF is located approximately 10 km north of Jamestown, in the Mid North region of South Australia (**Figure 1.1**). The Project site extends about 15 km in a north-south direction, and about 8 km in an east-west direction, covering a site area of 74 square kilometres. The HWF consists of the following components:

- 99 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) and associated hardstands
- access tracks
- an underground electrical cable network
- on-site grid connection infrastructure (substation) and above ground power lines
- operations and maintenance facilities
- temporary construction facilities and laydown areas.

Commercial operation of the HWF commenced on 18 December 2017.

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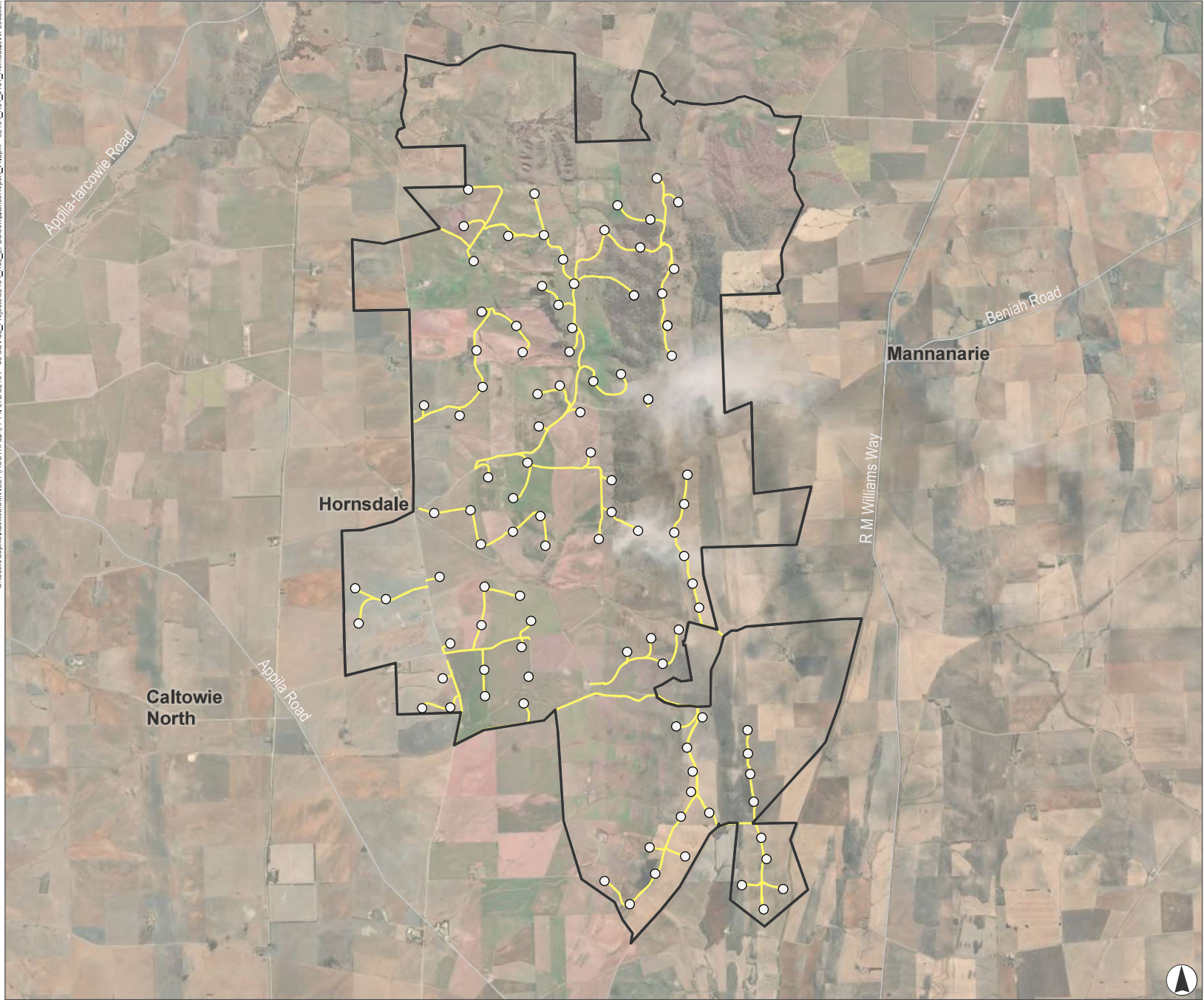


FIGURE 1.1
Hornsdaile Wind Farm

- Legend**
- Hornsdaile Wind Farm Project Area
 - Access track
 - WTG



Kilometres
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GDA2020 MGA Zone 54



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2.0 Compliance with Conditions of Approval

Compliance with the conditions associated with the Project's EPBC Act approval (2012/6573) (**Appendix A**) and variation (**Appendix B**) is presented in **Table 2.1** on the following pages. Apart from three conditions of approval which are not applicable to this annual compliance report, compliance has been achieved for all other conditions of approval.

Table 2.1 Details of Compliance With Conditions of Approval Associated with HWF (EPBC 2012/6573)

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
1. The person taking the action must carry out the action in accordance with the South Australian Development Assessment Planning approval conditions 7, 8, and 12 (July 2012) at Appendix 1. NOTE: Appendix 1 refers to Appendix 1 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	The development application for the HWF Project was approved under the <i>Development Act 1993</i> on 4 July 2015. The following planning approval conditions (Conditions 7, 8 and 12) are taken from the final development approval (764/V001/11 V1) which was supplied with the first HWF Project EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. <i>South Australian Development Assessment Planning Approval Condition 7: A Rehabilitation Plan for the site, including options for environmental offsets and a management program (to be undertaken during the operational life of the project) and end-of-project decommissioning works (to outline the extent of reinstatement and restoration activities upon the removal of the wind-farm and associated infrastructure), shall be submitted for approval by the Minister for Planning prior to commencement of construction.</i> A <i>Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan</i> for the HWF Project was approved by the Minister for Planning on 31 July 2015. The action commenced on 3 August 2015. The <i>Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan</i> was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. <i>South Australian Development Assessment Planning Approval Condition 8: An Environmental Management Plan and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) for the construction and operational phases of the development shall be approved by the Minister for Planning prior to commencement of construction.</i> An <i>Environmental Management Plan and Monitoring Plan</i> for the HWF Project was approved by the Minister for Planning on 31 July 2015. The action commenced on 3 August 2015. The <i>Environmental Management Plan and Monitoring Plan</i> was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. <i>South Australian Development Assessment Planning Approval Condition 12: Prior to work commencing on site, a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) must be submitted to the satisfaction of the EPA and the</i>

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		<i>measures contained in the CEMP must be implemented during the construction and rehabilitation phases of the work. The CEMP must include as a minimum:</i> <i>a. Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan (SEDMP) prepared according to the EPA's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Code of Practice (for the Building and Construction Industry), March 1999; and</i> <i>b. Measures to manage potential dust and noise emissions, solid and liquid wastes and concrete wastes from construction works.</i> A Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) for the HWF Project was approved by the Minister for Planning on 31 July 2015. The action commenced on 3 August 2015. The CEMP includes a <i>Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan</i> (SEDMP), as well as measures to manage potential dust and noise emissions, solid and liquid wastes and concrete wastes from construction works. The following environmental sub plans are incorporated into the CEMP: • Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan • Dust and Noise Management Plan • Waste Management Plan • Bushfire Risk Management Plan • Native Vegetation Management Plan • Native Fauna Management Plan • Pest Plant and Animal Management Plan • Heritage Management Plan • Remediation Management Plan • Rehabilitation Management Plan The CEMP was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. It was a requirement of the Engineering Procurement Construction Contract that

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		Siemens complied with the requirements of the CEMP. Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology (which is now Umwelt) to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor implemented the requirements outlined in the CEMP. Site inspections were no longer required after ground disturbance activities were finished. Commercial operation of the HWF commenced on 18 December 2017 and all construction works have since been completed.
2. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> the person taking the action must secure the area for conservation of 75 hectares (of which 3.1 hectares will relate to <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> offset), as identified in the map at Appendix 2, as a Significant Environment Benefit offset under the <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i> (SA). The Significant Environment Benefit Offset must be submitted to the Minister for approval prior to being registered, and must be registered within 6 months of the commencement of construction. If the Significant Environment Benefit Offset is not registered within 6 months of the commencement of construction, evidence of a legal agreement providing for the conservation of the 'area for conservation' must be submitted to the Minister for approval. This legal agreement must be submitted and approved by the Minister within 6 months of the commencement of construction. NOTE: This Condition is the varied approval condition of 3/08/2015. NOTE: Appendix 2 refers to Appendix 2 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	The 75 hectare 'area for conservation' (of which 3.1 hectares will relate to <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> offset) was approved by the Native Vegetation Council on 19 June 2015. A copy of the approval was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. The initial condition of approval required the 'area for conservation' to be secured under a Heritage Agreement under the South Australian <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i>. However, a Heritage Agreement over the 'area for conservation' (offset area) was not supported by the State Government due to the poor quality of the native vegetation. Therefore, in place of a Heritage Agreement, the offset area has been registered as a Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) offset under the South Australian <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i>. A variation to condition 2 of the EPBC approval was granted under section 143 of the EPBC Act on 3 August 2015 and a copy of the variation to condition 2 was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016 and is also provided in Appendix B. A Management Plan for the SEB offset area, prepared by EBS Ecology, was approved by the Minister's Delegate on 7 July 2015. The plan was approved prior to the commencement of construction which took place on 3 August 2015. A copy of the plan was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016.

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3. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> the person taking the action must submit to the Minister for approval an Offset Management Plan for the offset site prior to the commencement of construction. The Offset Management Plan must include at a minimum, the following information: - a textual description and map to clearly define the location and boundaries of the offset site. This must be accompanied with the offset attributes and a shapefile; - details of management actions to protect and enhance the extent and condition of habitat values of the offset site including but not limited to management of livestock, weed control, erosion and sediment control, fire management, and restrictions on access; - the timing, responsibilities and performance criteria for management actions; - a monitoring schedule including the undertaking of ecological surveys by a qualified ecologist to assess the success of the management actions against identified milestones and objectives; - a process to report, to the Department, the management actions undertaken in the offset areas and the outcome of those actions, including identifying any need for improved management; - a description of the potential risks to successful management of the offset site, and a description	Compliant	The Offset Management Plan (<i>Hornsedale Wind Farm SEB: Native Vegetation and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Management Plan</i>, EBS Ecology 2015) was prepared to meet the requirements of this Condition and was approved by the Minister's Delegate on 7 July 2015, prior to the commencement of construction, which took place on 3 August 2015. The Offset Management Plan (OMP) is available on the Project's website: https://hornsedalewindfarm.com.au/documents/ The OMP includes a description and map to clearly define the location and boundaries of the offset site and includes details of the management actions to protect and enhance the extent and condition of habitat values of the offset site including (but not limited to): - management of livestock - weed control - erosion and sediment control - fire management - restrictions on access. The OMP also includes the timing, responsibilities and performance criteria for management actions, a monitoring schedule including ecological surveys by a qualified ecologist to assess the success of the management actions against identified milestones and objectives and a process to report to the Department, the management actions undertaken in the offset area and the outcome of those management actions, including any need for improved management. It also includes a description of potential risks to successful management of the offset site and associated contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate the risks, and details of the parties responsible for management, monitoring and implementing the OMP and their position. The approved OMP has been implemented and will continue to be implemented.

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of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate these risks; and g. details of parties responsible for management, monitoring and implementing the plan, including their position. The Offset Management Plan must be approved prior to the commencement of construction. The approved plan must be implemented.		
4. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> the person taking the action must submit to the Minister for approval a scientific monitoring and research plan to monitor impacts to <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> at the project site from both the construction and operation of the wind farm, as referred to in Section 6 of the final Preliminary Documentation (March 2013). The Scientific monitoring and research plan must include details of how research results will be made publicly available. The scientific monitoring and research plan must be approved prior to the commencement of construction. The approved plan must be implemented.	Compliant	The <i>Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan</i> was approved by the Minister's Delegate on 7 July 2015, prior to the commencement of construction, which took place on 3 August 2015. A copy of the plan was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. Summary reports including research results will be uploaded onto the HWF website on an annual basis. The <i>Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan</i> was made available to the public on the HWF website on 6 August 2015. It is available at https://hornsdailewindfarm.com.au/documents/. The <i>Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan</i> commenced during September 2015 and subsequent monitoring events were carried out during: • October to December 2015 • January to March 2016 • October to December 2016 • January to March 2017 • 6–9 and 20–21 February 2018 • 11–14 and 20–22 February 2019 • 11–13 and 18–20 February 2020 • 1–5 March 2021 • 15–18 February 2022 • 6–10 March 2023

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		4–7 March 2024 Reports were provided with the first (2016), second (2017), third (2018), fourth (2019), fifth (2020), sixth (2021) seventh (2022), eighth (2023) and ninth (2024) HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Reports. The most recent round of monitoring was conducted from 3 to 7 March 2025. Please refer to Attachment 1: <i>Hornsedale Wind Farm SEB Offset Area: Annual Monitoring Report 2025</i> (Umwelt 2025) for more information.
5. The person taking the action must maintain a minimum buffer distance of 20 metres between all works and vegetation association 7. <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> (Grey Box) tall woodland and <i>Eucalyptus odorata</i> (Peppermint Box) +/- <i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> subsp. <i>pruinosa</i> (Blue Gum) low woodland as indicated in the maps at Appendix 3. Note: Appendix 3 refers to Appendix 3 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	This condition was incorporated into the final design for the Project and listed in the requirements of the CEMP for the Project, which was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. No works were undertaken, or are planned, in close proximity (within 200 m) to the listed vegetation associations. Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor is implementing the requirements outlined in the CEMP and the EPBC Act approval conditions. No works were carried out within 20 m of vegetation association 7 (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> (Grey Box) tall woodland) and vegetation association 3 (<i>Eucalyptus odorata</i> (Peppermint Box) +/- <i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> subsp. <i>pruinosa</i> (Blue Gum) low woodland) indicated in the maps at Appendix 3 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document (Appendix A).
6. The person taking the action must ensure no clearance of <i>Olearia pannosa</i> subsp. <i>pannosa</i> occurs on the project site as indicated in the map at Appendix 4. NOTE: Appendix 4 refers to Appendix 4 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	This condition was incorporated into the final design of the Project and listed in the requirements of the CEMP for the Project, which was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor implemented the requirements outlined in the CEMP and the EPBC Act approval conditions. No <i>Olearia pannosa</i> subsp. <i>pannosa</i> as indicated in Appendix 4 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document (Appendix A), has been cleared or impacted upon

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		by the HWF.
7. The person taking the action must maintain a minimum buffer distance of 200 metres between all works and <i>Olearia pannosa</i> subsp. <i>pannosa</i> as indicated in the map at Appendix 4, unless written notification is provided to the Department. The written notification must demonstrate that any incursion into the 200 metre buffer area will not have any impact on <i>Olearia pannosa</i> subsp. <i>pannosa</i>. Signage and exclusion barriers must be erected around <i>Olearia pannosa</i> subsp. <i>pannosa</i>, prior to the commencement of works in the 200 metre buffer area. NOTE: Appendix 4 refers to Appendix 4 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document	Compliant	This condition was incorporated into the final design for the Project and listed in the requirements of the CEMP for the Project, which was supplied with the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2016. Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor implemented the requirements outlined in the CEMP and the EPBC Act approval conditions.
8. To minimise potential impacts on <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> from construction, operation, and decommissioning activities, the person undertaking the action must ensure that: a. Works are not undertaken in areas identified as 'likely' habitat as indicated in the map at Appendix 5. NOTE: Appendix 5 refers to Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor implemented the requirements outlined in the CEMP and the EPBC Act approval conditions including Condition 8.a. No construction works were carried out in areas identified as 'likely' <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> habitat indicated in the map at Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document (Appendix A) and with all roads, tracks, laydown areas and cables now installed, the risk of these areas being directly impacted by the Project has been greatly reduced. No works associated with operational activities have been carried out in areas identified as 'likely' <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> habitat indicated in the map at Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document. Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd will continue to ensure that works are not undertaken in areas identified as 'likely' <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> habitat indicated in the map at Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document, during operation of HWF and future decommissioning activities.

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b. A minimum buffer distance of 200 metres is maintained between the works and the areas identified as 'likely' and 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, unless written notification is provided to the Department. This written notification must demonstrate that any incursion into the 200 metre buffer area will not have any impact on <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>. Signage and exclusion barriers must be erected around the 'likely' and 'possible' habitat areas, prior to the commencement of works in the 200 metre buffer area. NOTE: Appendix 5 refers to Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd contracted EBS Ecology to conduct site inspections during the construction period of the HWF to ensure the construction contractor implemented the requirements outlined in the CEMP and the EPBC Act approval conditions, including condition 8.b. As reported in the HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2017, written notification was provided to the Department regarding works to be undertaken within the nominated buffer zone in several locations. This was part of the original design. All buffer areas and possible habitat was inspected prior to any works being undertaken. No <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> were found within these areas.
c. Where any works are required within areas identified as 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, a targeted fauna search of the proposed works area is undertaken by a qualified ecologist prior to the commencement of works in this area. If <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> is found during this search, the area where it is found must be re-classified as 'likely' habitat, and works must not be undertaken in this area (as per condition 8a). NOTE: Appendix 5 refers to Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.	Compliant	No additional <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> surveys, within 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document, have been required within the Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 areas of the HWF since the first HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report was submitted in 2016. All recommendations detailed in previous EBS Ecology reports were followed by Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd, and as a result no works have been carried out in areas classified as 'likely' <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> habitat.
d. Any works undertaken in areas identified as 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, are undertaken during 1 April and 30 September, and 1 December and 31 January,	Compliant	Apart from what was reported in the HWF EPBC Act Annual Compliance Report submitted in 2017, no further works have been undertaken in areas identified as 'possible' <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5 of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.

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unless written notification is provided to the Department. This written notification must demonstrate that works undertaken outside of the periods specified above will not have any impact on <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>. If works are to be undertaken outside of the periods specified above, a lizard exclusion barrier must be erected around any open trenches to prevent lizards entering trenches, prior to the commencement of works in the 'possible' habitat areas. Open trenches located in 'possible' habitat areas must be inspected for <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> every morning and afternoon until closed, and any trapped individuals removed. NOTE: <u>Appendix 5</u> refers to <u>Appendix 5</u> of the 2012/6573 approval decision document.		
9. Within 10 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Not applicable	The action commenced on 3 August 2015. The Minister's delegate was advised via email from Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd on the 3 August 2015, that the action had commenced on the 3 August 2015. This Condition of approval is not applicable to this annual compliance report.
10. The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be	Compliant	Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd maintains documents substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval. These are available upon request from the Department.

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.		
11. Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Compliant	The action commenced on 3 August 2015. A total of nine annual compliance reports have been published since the action commenced. This is the tenth annual compliance report and applies to 3 August 2024 to 2 August 2025. Three months from the most recent 12-month anniversary of the commencement of the action (3 August 2015) is 3 November 2025. This compliance report and attachments will be published on the HWF website (https://hornsdailewindfarm.com.au/documents/) prior to 3 November 2025. The previous annual compliance report for 3 August 2023 to 2 August 2024 was uploaded to the Project's website prior to 3 November 2024. It was submitted to the Department via email on 31 October 2024 (Appendix C) and an email reply from DCCEEW was also received on 31 October 2024 (Appendix D).
12. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plans as specified in conditions 3 and 4, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied plan in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied plan unless the revised plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised plan, that plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved.	Compliant	No variations to activities listed in the plans specified in conditions 3 and 4 have been carried out or required. All activities have been in accordance with the plans. This condition has been acknowledged and noted by Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd.
13. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the plan	Not applicable	This condition of approval is not applicable to this annual compliance report as the Minister has not requested that the person taking the action make specific revisions to any plan specified in the conditions.

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
specified in the conditions and submit the revised plan for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.		
14. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister .	Not applicable	This condition of approval is not applicable to this annual compliance report as approval was given on 10 May 2013 and the action commenced on 3 August 2015.
15. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister , the person taking the action must publish the Offset Management plan, referred to in Condition 3, and the scientific monitoring and research plan, referred to in Condition 4, on their website within 1 month of being approved. To protect the local population of <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> , the publication of such plans may exclude any figures or information identifying the location of <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> populations at a paddock level.	Compliant	The <i>Offset Management Plan</i> and <i>Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan</i> were approved by the Minister's Delegate on 7 July 2015. The <i>Offset Management Plan</i> and <i>Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan</i> are publicly available on the Project's website at: https://hornsdailewindfarm.com.au/documents/ .

3.0 Attachments

Attachment 1: Umwelt (2025) Hornsdale Wind Farm SEB Offset Area: Annual Monitoring Report 2025.
Report to Neoen. Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd.

4.0 References

EBS Ecology (2015) Hornsdale Wind Farm SEB: Native Vegetation and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Management Plan. Report to Neoen. EBS Ecology, Adelaide.

Umwelt (2025) Hornsdale Wind Farm SEB Offset Area: Annual Monitoring Report 2025. Report to Neoen. Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd, Adelaide.

Appendix A

EPBC 2012/6573 Approval Decision





Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

Approval

Hornsedale Wind Farm, South Australia (EPBC 2012/6573)

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Proposed action

person to whom the approval is granted Investec Bank (Australia) Limited

proponent's ACN (if applicable) ACN: 071 292 594

proposed action To construct and operate the Hornsedale Wind Farm, north of Jamestown in South Australia. The project comprises up to 105 Wind Turbine Generators and associated infrastructure; as described in the referral received by the department on 9 October 2012 [See EPBC Act referral 2012/6573].

Approval decision

Controlling Provision	Decision
Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)	Approve

conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions specified below.

expiry date of approval

This approval has effect until 10 May 2042.

Decision-maker

name and position Deb Callister
Assistant Secretary
Queensland and South Australia Assessment Branch

signature

date of decision 10 May 2013

Conditions attached to the approval

1. The person taking the action must carry out the action in accordance with the South Australian Development Assessment Planning approval conditions 7, 8, and 12 (July 2012) at Appendix 1.
2. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed *Tiliqua adelaidensis* the person taking the action must secure the 'area for conservation' of 75 hectares (of which 3.1 hectares will relate to *Tiliqua adelaidensis* offset), as identified in the map at Appendix 2, under a Heritage Agreement under the South Australian *Native Vegetation Act 1991*. The Heritage Agreement must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval prior to being registered, and must be registered prior to the **commencement of construction**. If a Heritage Agreement is not registered prior to the **commencement of construction**, evidence of a legal agreement providing for the conservation of the 'area for conservation' must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval. This legal agreement must be submitted and approved by the **Minister** prior to the **commencement of construction**.
3. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed *Tiliqua adelaidensis* the person taking the action must submit to the **Minister** for approval an Offset Management Plan for the offset site prior to the **commencement of construction**.

The Offset Management Plan must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. a textual description and map to clearly define the location and boundaries of the offset site. This must be accompanied with the **offset attributes** and a **shapefile**;
- b. details of management actions to protect and enhance the extent and condition of habitat values of the offset site including but not limited to management of livestock, weed control, erosion and sediment control, fire management, and restrictions on access;
- c. the timing, responsibilities and performance criteria for management actions;
- d. a monitoring schedule including the undertaking of ecological surveys by a qualified ecologist to assess the success of the management actions against identified milestones and objectives
- e. a process to report, to the **Department**, the management actions undertaken in the offset areas and the outcome of those actions, including identifying any need for improved management;
- f. a description of the potential risks to successful management of the offset site, and a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate these risks; and
- g. details of parties responsible for management, monitoring and implementing the plan, including their position.

The Offset Management Plan must be approved prior to the **commencement of construction**. The approved plan must be implemented

4. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed *Tiliqua adelaidensis* the person taking the action must submit to the **Minister** for approval a scientific monitoring and research plan to monitor impacts to *Tiliqua adelaidensis* at the project site from both the

construction and operation of the wind farm, as referred to in Section 6 of the final Preliminary Documentation (March 2013). The scientific monitoring and research plan must include details of how research results will be made publicly available. The scientific monitoring and research plan must be approved prior to the **commencement of construction**. The approved plan must be implemented.

5. The person taking the action must maintain a minimum buffer distance of 20 metres between all **works** and vegetation association 7. *Eucalyptus microcarpa* (Grey Box) tall woodland and vegetation association 3. *Eucalyptus odorata* (Peppermint Box) +/- *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* subsp *pruinosa* (Blue Gum) low woodland as indicated in the maps at Appendix 3.
6. The person taking the action must ensure no clearance of *Olearia pannosa* subsp *pannosa* occurs on the project site as indicated in the map at Appendix 4.
7. The person taking the action must maintain a minimum buffer distance of 200 metres between all **works** and *Olearia pannosa* subsp *pannosa* as indicated in the map at Appendix 4, unless written notification is provided to the **Department**. The written notification must demonstrate that any incursion into the 200 metre buffer area will not have any impact on *Olearia pannosa* subsp *pannosa*. Signage and exclusion barriers must be erected around *Olearia pannosa* subsp *pannosa*, prior to the commencement of **works** in the 200 metre buffer area.
8. To minimise potential impacts on *Tiliqua adelaidensis* from construction, operation, and decommissioning activities, the person undertaking the action must ensure that:
 - a. **Works** are not undertaken in areas identified as 'likely' habitat as indicated in the map at Appendix 5.
 - b. A minimum buffer distance of 200 metres is maintained between **works** and the areas identified as 'likely' and 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, unless written notification is provided to the **Department**. This written notification must demonstrate that any incursion into the 200 metre buffer area will not have any impact on *Tiliqua adelaidensis*. Signage and exclusion barriers must be erected around the 'likely' and 'possible' habitat areas, prior to the commencement of **works** in the 200 metre buffer area.
 - c. Where any **works** are required within areas identified as 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, a targeted fauna search of the proposed **works** area is undertaken by a qualified ecologist prior to the commencement of **works** in this area. If *Tiliqua adelaidensis* is found during this search, the area where it is found must be re-classified as 'likely' habitat, and **works** must not be undertaken in this area (as per condition 8a).
 - d. Any **works** undertaken in areas identified as 'possible' habitat, as indicated in the map at Appendix 5, are undertaken during 1 April and 30 September, and 1 December and 31 January, unless written notification is provided to the **Department**. This written notification must demonstrate that works undertaken outside of the periods specified above will not have any impact on *Tiliqua adelaidensis*. If **works** are to be undertaken outside of the periods specified above, a lizard exclusion barrier must be erected around any open trenches to prevent lizards entering trenches, prior to the commencement of **works** in the 'possible' habitat areas. Open trenches located in 'possible' habitat areas must

be inspected for *Tiliqua adelaidensis* every morning and afternoon until closed, and any entrapped individuals removed.

9. Within 10 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the **Department** in writing of the actual date of commencement.
10. The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the **Department**. Such records may be subject to audit by the **Department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the **Department's** website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
11. Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the **Department** at the same time as the compliance report is published.
12. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plans as specified in conditions 3 and 4, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the **Minister's** written approval a revised version of that plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the **Minister** has approved the varied plan in writing. The **Minister** will not approve a varied plan unless the revised plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the **Minister** approves the revised plan, that plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved.
13. If the **Minister** believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities to do so, the **Minister** may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised plan for the **Minister's** written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.
14. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the **Minister**.
15. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish the Offset Management plan, referred to in Condition 3, and the scientific monitoring and research plan, referred to in Condition 4, on their website within 1 month of being approved. To protect the local population of *Tiliqua adelaidensis*, the publication of such plans may exclude any figures or information identifying the location of *Tiliqua adelaidensis* populations at a paddock level.

Definitions

Commencement of construction: Commencement of any works involved in the construction phase of the project, including clearing vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures and the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings or infrastructure. This excludes geotechnical investigation works, and the erection of signage, fences, barriers or bunting for the purposes of excluding areas containing listed threatened species and/or ecological communities.

Department: the Australian Government Department responsible for the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Minister: The Minister responsible for administering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Offset attributes: means an '.xls' file capturing relevant attributes of the Offset Area, including the EPBC reference ID number, the physical address of the offset site, coordinates of the boundary points in decimal degrees, the EPBC protected matters that the offset compensates for, any additional EPBC protected matters that are benefiting from the offset, and the size of the offset in hectares.

Shapefile: means an ESRI Shapefile containing '.shp', '.shx' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes of the offset site, including the shape, EPBC reference ID number and EPBC protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.

Works: Includes all works involved in the construction, operation and decommissioning of the project. This includes preparatory works required to be undertaken including clearing vegetation, the erection of any on-site temporary structures, laydown and stockpile areas, and the use of heavy equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings, infrastructure, or the removal of infrastructure. This excludes the erection of signage, fences, barriers or bunting for the purposes of excluding areas containing listed threatened species and/or ecological communities.

Appendix 1

South Australia – Sections 49 and 49A Development Act 1993

CROWN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT DECISION NOTIFICATION FORM

Contact Officer: Daniel Pluck
Telephone: 8303 0603

Development Number:
764/V001/11

FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

DATED: 26/10/2011
REGISTERED ON: 26/10/2011

TO: Investec Bank (Australia) Limited
C/- Aurecon Australia Pty Ltd
55 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000
EMAIL: wallaced@ap.aurecongroup.com

LOCATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Primary Production zoned land (7500ha over 77 allotments) north of Jamestown being

Title Code	Volume	Folio	Plan Code	Plan No.	Parcel No.
CT	5790	426	H	310900	s101
CR	5762	792	H	310900	s423
CT	5204	148	F	112770	a9
CT	5205	281	H	240200	s296
CT	5709	440	H	310900	s113
CT	5447	939	H	310900	s209
CT	5730	3	H	310900	s185E
CT	5814	709	F	187664	a342
CT	5685	997	H	310900	s104
CT	5441	303	H	310500	s239
CT	5685	997	H	310900	s103
CT	5481	568	F	187658	a336
CT	5797	287	H	240200	s297
CT	5790	833	H	310900	s119
CT	5833	106	F	218216	a5
CT	5457	59	H	310900	s123
CT	5792	164	H	310900	s120
CT	5534	409	H	310900	s184
CT	5502	596	H	310500	s242
CT	5447	940	H	310900	s416
CT	5471	647	F	187642	a320
CT	5457	68	H	310900	s122
CT	5834	444	H	240200	s152w
CT	5677	743	H	310500	s359
CT	5535	774	H	310900	s107
CT	5663	448	H	310900	s115
CT	5447	941	H	310900	s207
CT	5512	920	H	310900	s182
CT	5565	332	D	49276	a101
CT	5447	954	H	310900	s177N
CT	5221	186	H	310900	s121
CT	5790	426	H	310900	s102
CT	5787	783	H	240500	s116e

CT	5835	935	H	310900	s203W
CT	5677	743	H	310500	s127
CT	5565	333	D	49276	a102
CT	5423	887	H	310900	s189
CT	5447	954	H	310900	s176
CT	5948	868	H	240200	s729
CT	5490	100	H	310900	s174
CT	5443	54	H	310900	s116
CT	5993	502	H	310500	s121
CT	5709	440	H	310900	s114
CT	5423	888	H	310900	s191
CT	5261	52	H	310500	s126
CT	5727	243	H	240200	s298
CT	5471	386	H	240500	s112e
CT	5773	686	H	310900	s203e
CT	5512	920	H	310900	s181
CT	5948	868	H	240200	s154
CT	5897	994	H	310900	s220
CT	5423	887	H	310900	s190
CT	5787	782	H	240500	s110
CT	5897	996	H	310900	s216
CT	5723	304	D	53127	a2
CT	5787	781	H	240200	s149
CT	5221	187	H	310900	s118
CT	5686	241	H	310900	s187
CT	5490	100	H	310900	s175
CT	5239	533	H	310900	s106
CT	5787	782	H	240500	s116w
CT	5457	57	H	310900	s117
CT	5677	743	H	310500	s128
CT	5677	743	H	310500	s125
CT	5897	993	D	60344	a1
CT	5599	916	H	310900	s185w
CT	5814	702	F	187665	a343
CT	5773	741	F	187663	a341
CT	5512	919	H	310900	s183
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CT	5459	222	H	310900	s110
CT	5459	68	H	310900	s108
CT	5707	535	H	310900	s112
CT	5823	994	H	310900	s109

NATURE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Construct up to 105 wind turbines with a maximum overall installed capacity of 315 MW

From: **MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

I hereby **APPROVE** the above-mentioned application under the Development Act 1993.

You may therefore proceed in accordance with your plans, as submitted, subject to conditions as shown on the attached sheet(s).

Building works may commence only when a Certificate of Compliance with Building Rules has been received from a Private Certifier, subject to any conditions imposed by the Minister for Planning (or his delegate) and the Certifier.



MINISTER FOR PLANNING

Date of Decision: 4.7.12

[4] Sheets Attached

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 764/V001/11

Planning Conditions:

1. That except where minor amendments may be required by other relevant Acts, or by conditions imposed by this application, the development shall be established in strict accordance with the details and plans, including the amended plans as submitted in Development Application No. 764/V001/11:
 - o Aurecon Report - Hornsdale Wind Farm Application Report (including appendices) - Investec Bank (Australia) Limited - 26 October 2011, unless amended by
 - o Aurecon Report - Hornsdale Wind Farm Development Application - Consolidated Response to Agency, Council and Public Submissions - 27 March 2012.
 - o Letter from Aurecon to DPTI dated 15 May 2012.
2. Prior to the commencement of construction the final layout plan (and associated reporting) of wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure shall be approved by the Minister for Planning.
3. That clearance of or damage to native vegetation on the site or public roads for access during construction shall be minimised.
4. A Traffic and Access Management Plan, prepared in consultation with the Transport Services Division DPTI and Northern Areas Council, shall be submitted for approval by the Minister for Planning. As part of the plan, the applicant shall engage an accredited road safety auditor to undertake a safety audit of the local road network to be used by vehicles servicing the development. The Plan shall include the following:
 - a. definition of roads and routes to be used for vehicles during construction and for on-going maintenance purposes
 - b. load specifications of vehicles servicing the development
 - c. identification of upgrade of roads required to accommodate all vehicles servicing the development
 - d. identification of intersection treatment that is required to facilitate heavy traffic turning movements
 - e. specification of engineering standards for pavement and drainage design and construction
 - f. a management schedule during the construction stage of the development to minimize impact on road users
 - g. a maintenance program for roads utilised by the vehicles servicing the development
 - h. an agreement with Northern Areas Council that all road upgrading (including drainage and water runoff measures), intersection treatment and on-going maintenance costs are to be borne by the developer of the wind farm.
5. That the wind farm shall be designed and operated in a manner so as to not interfere with existing telecommunication facilities. The implementation of off-site mitigation measures for affected receivers shall be at the cost of the developer.
6. A Mining Management Plan, prepared in consultation with Flinders Mines Ltd, for the management of future access and exploration activities (in accordance with relevant state legislation) on the site shall be approved by the Minister for Planning prior to commencement of construction..
7. A Rehabilitation Plan for the site, including options for environmental offsets and a management program (to be undertaken during the operational life of the project) and end-of-project decommissioning works (to outline the extent of reinstatement and restoration activities upon the removal of the wind-farm and associated infrastructure), shall be submitted for approval by the Minister for Planning prior to commencement of construction.
8. An Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) for the construction and operational phases of the development shall be approved by the Minister for Planning prior to commencement of construction.
9. Noise generated by the wind farm must not exceed*:

- a. 40 dB(A) for noise sensitive receivers** in a primary production/general farming zone,
- b. 35 dB(A) if receivers are situated in a rural living zone, or
- c. the background noise (LA90,10) by more than 5 dB(A) at noise sensitive receivers.

(*The above measured noise levels should be adjusted in accordance with the *EPA Wind Farms: Environmental Noise Guidelines 2009* by the inclusion of a 5dB(A) penalty at a receiver where a tone is audible (Delta La,k >0 as measured in accordance with international standard IEC61400-11, Ed.2.1: *Wind turbine generator systems- Part 11: Acoustic noise measurements techniques*) at that particular noise sensitive receiver. **A noise sensitive receiver is an occupied dwelling where the owners do not have an agreement with the wind farm developer.)

10. An Independent acoustical consultant (other than the company that prepared the predictive acoustical report) must be appointed to monitor noise levels at least five residences including: 5, 38, 39, 45 and 47 (as shown on the maps in the "Addendum to Environmental Noise Assessment, Rev 3, 25 October 2011" acoustic report by Aurecon, dated 15 March 2012). Note: monitoring must be performed in accordance with the EPA "Wind Farms: Environmental Noise Guidelines, 2009" when all of the noise sources associated with the wind farm are in operating mode. The results of the monitoring must be submitted to the satisfaction of the Environment Protection Authority within two months from the date of the wind farm commissioning.
11. In order to determine whether a 5dB(A) penalty would be applicable at a receiver (in accordance with the *EPA Wind Farms: Environmental Noise Guidelines 2009*), a tonality test must be conducted in accordance with the international standard IEC61400-11, Ed.2.1: *Wind turbine generator systems- Part 11: Acoustic noise measurements techniques*. The presence or absence of the audible tones must be confirmed by post-construction tonality assessment at least residence 39 (as shown on the maps in the "Addendum to Environmental Noise Assessment, Rev 3, 25 October 2011" acoustic report by Aurecon, dated 15 March 2012). Results of the noise monitoring must be adjusted for tonality if necessary.
12. Prior to work commencing on site, a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) must be submitted to the satisfaction of the EPA and the measures contained in the CEMP must be implemented during the construction and rehabilitation phases of the work. The CEMP must include, as a minimum:
 - a. Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan (SEDM) prepared according to the *EPA's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Code of Practice (for the Building and Construction Industry)*, March 1999; and
 - b. Measures to manage potential dust and noise emissions, solid and liquid wastes and concrete wastes from construction works.
13. The storage and use of hazardous materials must be managed so as to avoid the contamination of soil or receiving waters. Such materials must be stored in a bunded area with the capacity to contain 120% (or 133% in the case of flammable materials) of the volume of the largest container within the bund. Note: further guidance on bunding and spill management can be found in the *EPA Guideline: Bunding and Spill Management*. There shall be no on-site burial of waste materials.
14. Following the completion of construction works on-site, the tracks and disturbed areas (excluding those used for ongoing access and maintenance) must be rehabilitated and bare areas revegetated as soon as possible, taking advantage of natural rainfall, which is mostly between May and September. If bare areas are still present at the end of spring, they must be temporarily protected and stabilised by geotextile matting or other suitable methods, until they can be effectively revegetated.
15. That prior to the construction of the approved turbine layout (as required by Condition 2), a cultural heritage survey shall be undertaken to ensure that no sites of European or indigenous heritage are damaged through the installation of the wind farm and associated infrastructure (including associated earthworks and road construction).

OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993 AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2008

- i. Pursuant to Section 49(14) of the *Development Act 1993* before any building work is undertaken, the building work is to be certified by a private certifier, or by some person determined by the Minister for the purposes of this provision, as complying with the provisions of the Building Rules (or the Building Rules as modified according to criteria prescribed by the Regulations).

- ii. The development must be substantially commenced within 3 years of the date of this Notification, unless this period has been extended by the Minister for Planning.
- iii. You are also advised that any act or work authorised or required by this Notification must be completed within 5 years of the date of the Notification unless this period is extended by Minister for Planning.
- iv. You will require a fresh consent before commencing or continuing the development if you are unable to satisfy these requirements.

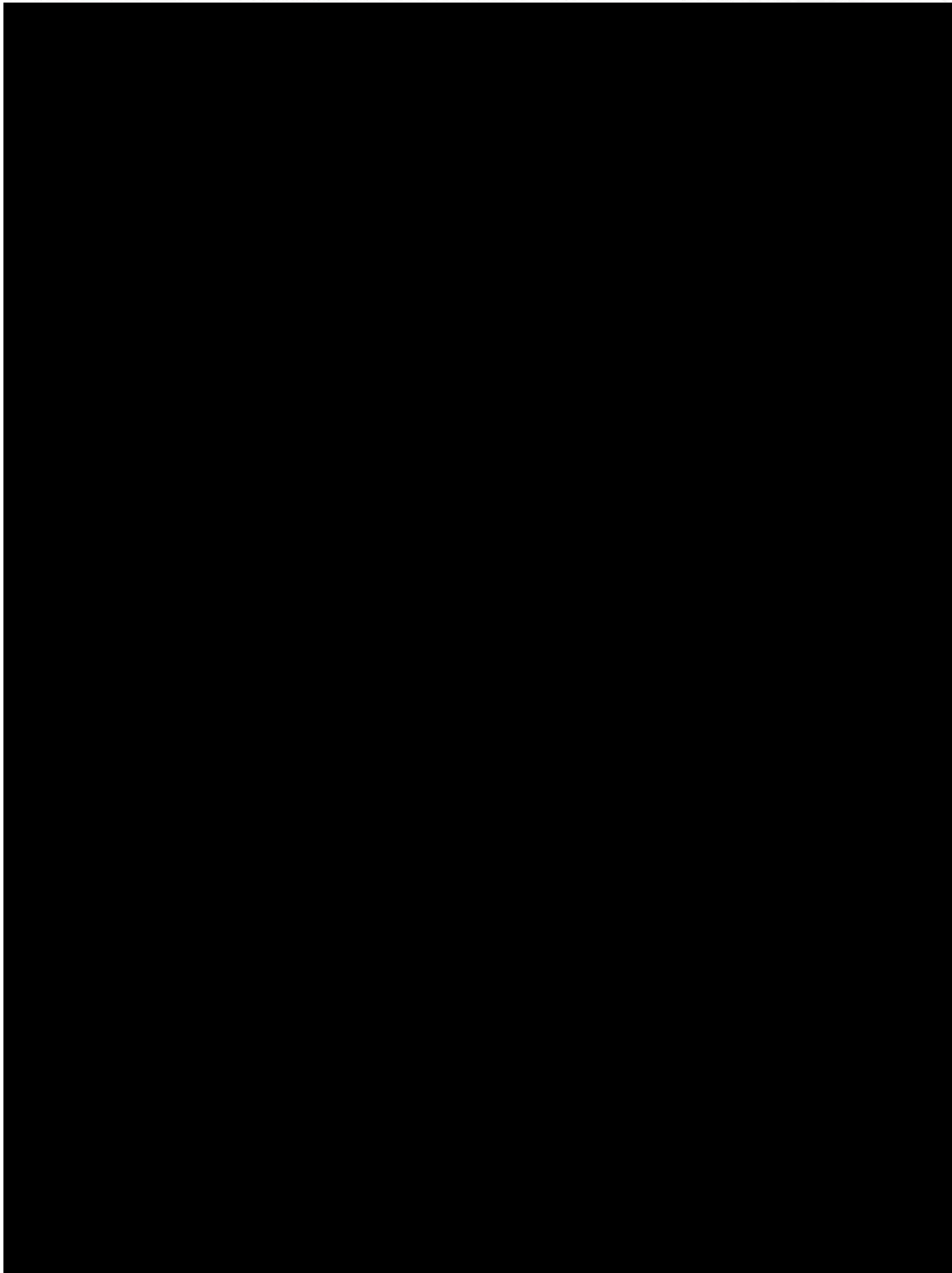
ADVISORY NOTES

- a. A current list of Registered Private Certifiers in South Australia is available here: <http://sa.gov.au/subject/Housing%2C+property+and+land/Building+and+development/Building+and+development+applications/Development+applications+with+a+building+component/List+of+registered+private+certifiers> (sa.gov.au website).
- b. At completion of the project all certified documents should be retained by the responsible agency for the life of the asset.
- c. For additional Information relating to certification of government building projects, contact Shane Turner (Principal Engineer: Structural) Building Management, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (telephone 8226 5223) Level 2, 211 Victoria Square, Adelaide, 5000.
- d. Any request for an extension of time must be lodged with the Planning and Assessment Branch prior to the time period specified above, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, GPO Box 1815 Adelaide SA 5001.
- e. If, during construction or operation of the development, the proponent discovers evidence of an aboriginal site or any aboriginal objects or remains, the proponent is required, pursuant to the Aboriginal Heritage Act, 1988, to report particulars to of such discovery to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and thereafter comply with any directions given by the Minister Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.
- f. In relation to Condition 15, historical and anthropological evidence establishes that both the Ngadjuri and Nukunu have heritage interests in the project area, and as such it is recommended that both parties are consulted and engaged in the design and construction of the project.
- g. The applicant is reminded of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements in respect of aircraft safety associated with the turbine structures.
- h. The applicant is reminded of the requirement under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* to obtain permission under that Act for any clearance of native vegetation or otherwise to bring itself within an exemption under that Act.
- i. The applicant is reminded of the requirement under the *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to make a referral pursuant to the Act if any activity is likely to affect any matters of National Environmental Significance, such as threatened communities or species of native vegetation and fauna.
- j. For the purposes of Condition 6 the EMMP shall include the following:
 - Soil Erosion and Drainage Management Plan (SEDM), prepared to the reasonable satisfaction of the EPA
 - Traffic and Access Management Plan
 - Remediation Plan for all construction works, prepared in consultation with the Northern Areas Council
 - Rehabilitation Plan
 - A Mining Management Plan
 - Bushfire Risk Management Plan, prepared to the reasonable satisfaction of the Country Fire Service (CFS)
 - Native Vegetation Management Plan, prepared to the reasonable satisfaction of the Native Vegetation Council
 - Pest Plant and Animal Management Plan, prepared to the reasonable satisfaction of the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board

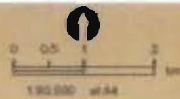
- Cultural Heritage Survey, prepared to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department of the Premier & Cabinet (Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation).

Appendix 2

Hornsedale Wind Farm: Proposed offset area



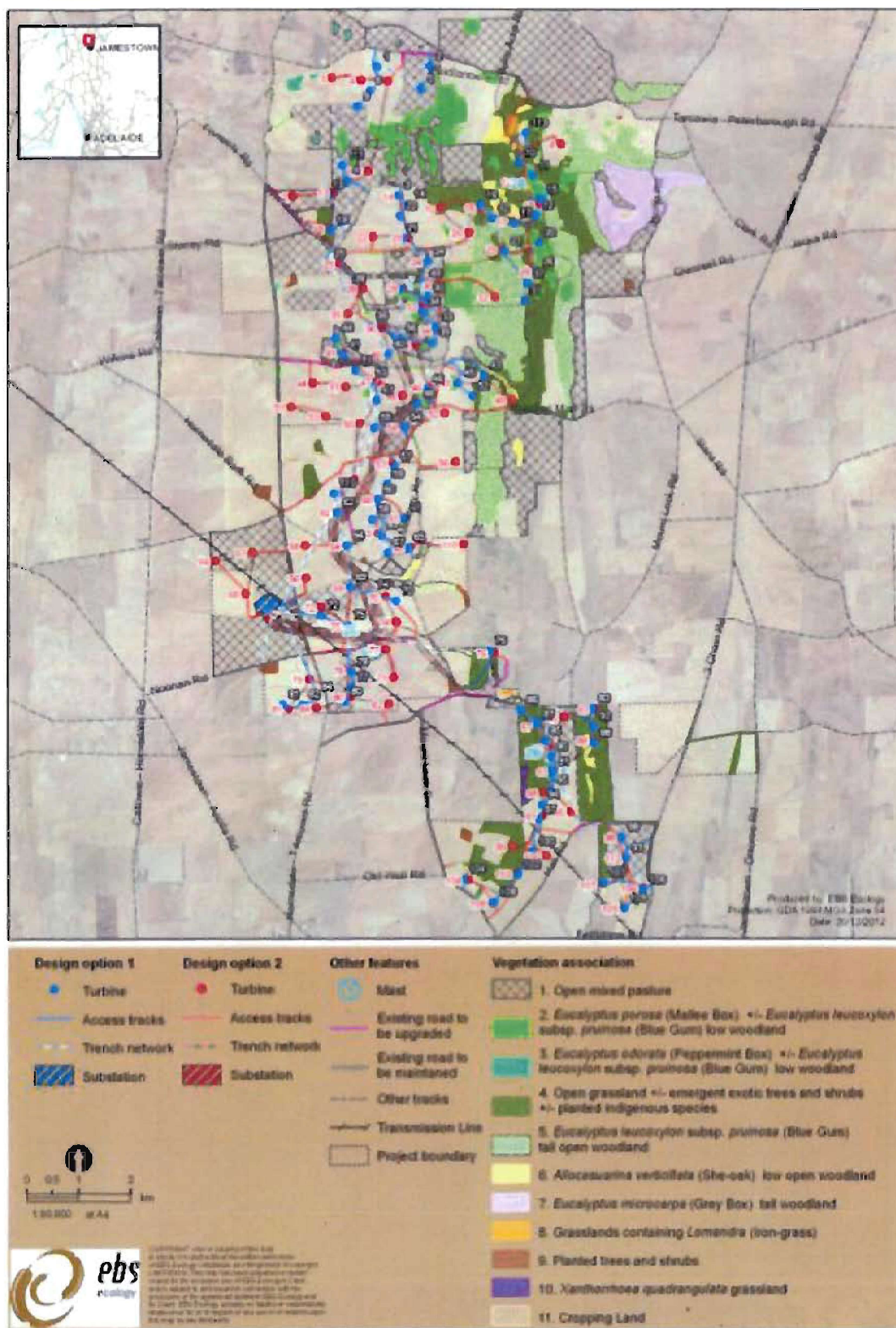
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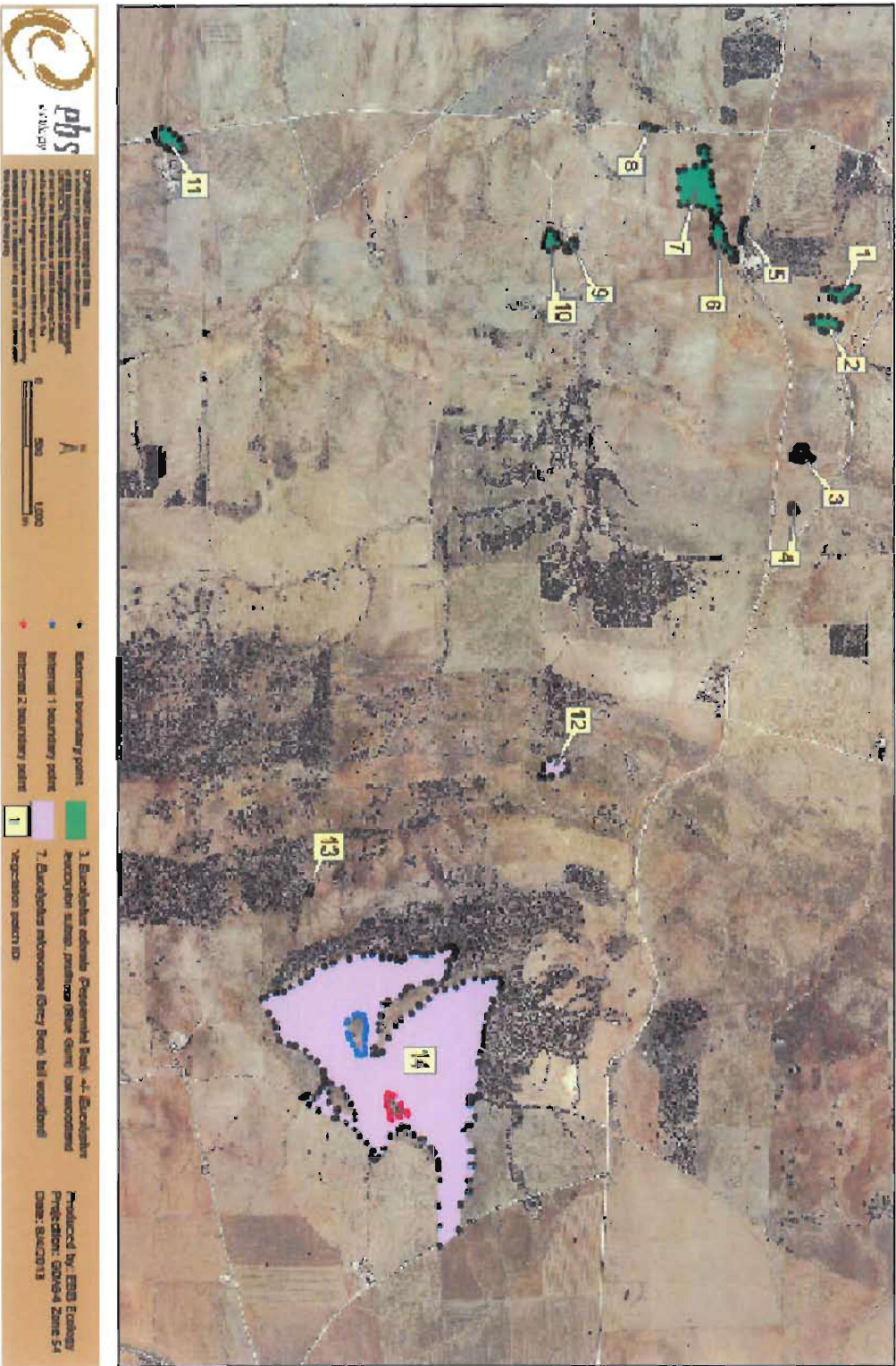
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Appendix 3

Hornsedale Wind Farm: Combined layouts of Design Options 1 and 2 – Vegetation association. December 2012



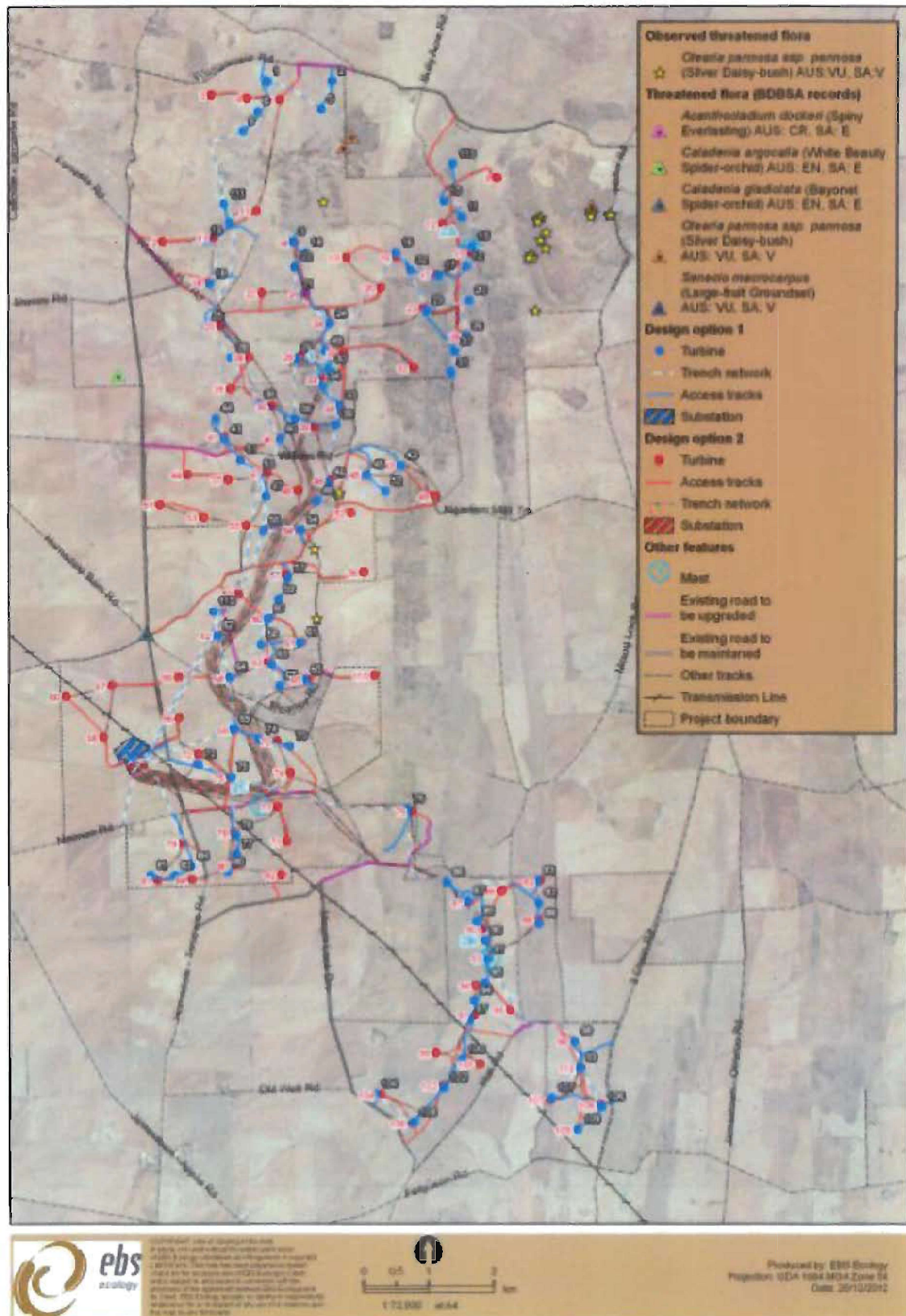
Hornsdale Windfarm - Vegetation association 3 and 7 boundary point locations



Note - Coordinates for boundary point locations have been provided separately.

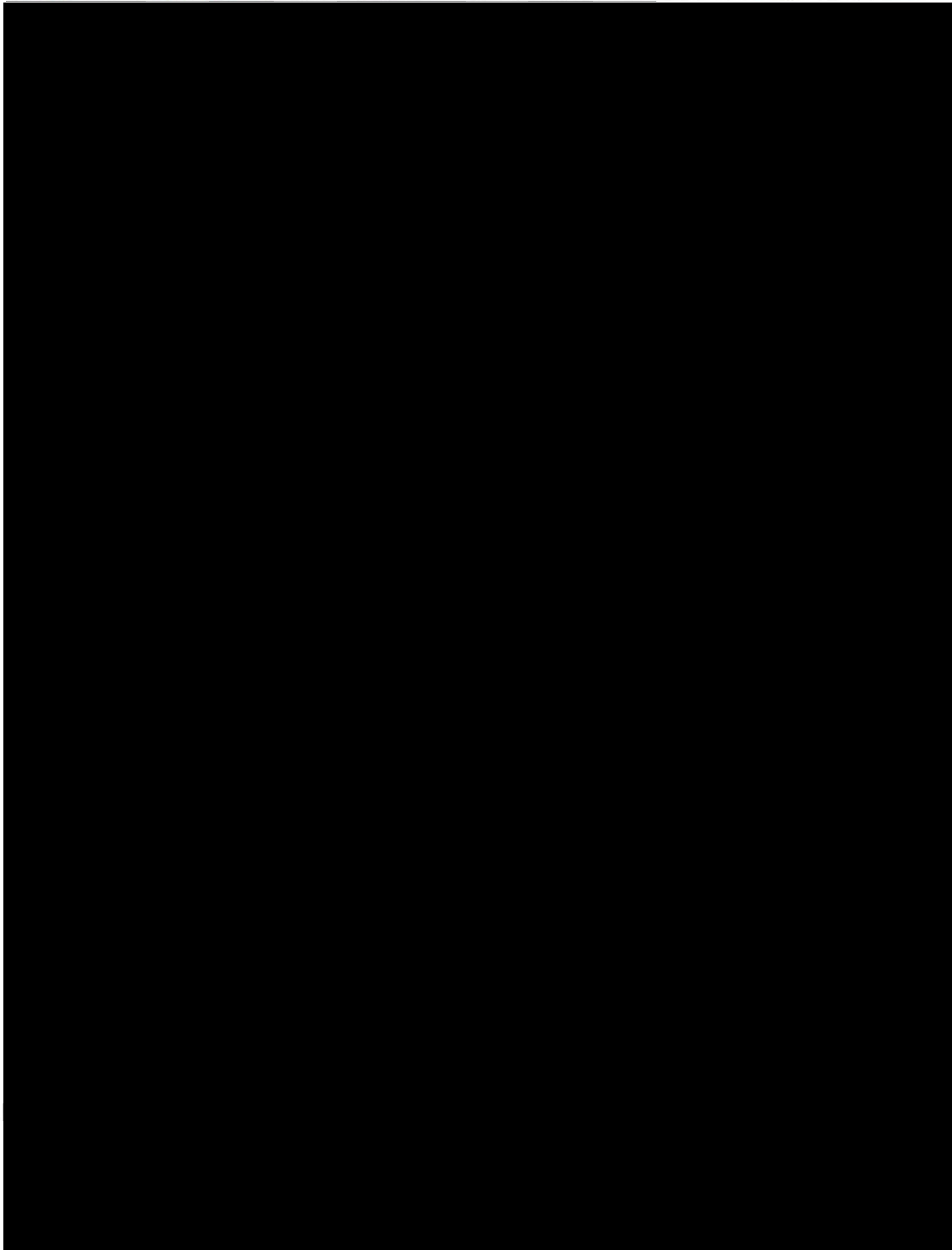
Appendix 4

Hornsedale Wind Farm: Combined layouts of Design Options 1 and 2 – Threatened flora, December 2012



Appendix 5

Hornsdate Wind Farm: Combined layouts of Design Options 1 and 2 – PBT habitat, December 2012



Appendix B

Variation to Conditions Attached to EPBC 2012/6573 Approval





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VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Hornsedale Wind Farm, South Australia - EPBC 2012/6573

This decision to vary a condition of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

Person to whom the approval is granted	Hornsedale Asset Co Pty Ltd ABN: 39 605 943 137
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Approved action

To construct and operate the Hornsedale Wind Farm, north of Jamestown in South Australia. The project comprises up to 105 Wind Turbine Generators and associated infrastructure; as described in the referral received by the department on 9 October 2012 [See EPBC Act referral 2012/6573].

Variation

Variation of conditions of approval

The variation is:
Delete condition 2 attached to the approval dated 9 October 2012 and substitute with the condition specified below.

Date of effect

This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed.

Person authorised to make decision

Mr Kynan Gowland
A/g Assistant Secretary
Compliance & Enforcement Branch

Signature

Date of decision


3/8/2015

Condition attached to the approval

2. To offset the potential impacts to the EPBC Act listed *Tiliqua adelaidensis* the person taking the action must secure the area for conservation of 75 hectares (of which 3.1 hectares will relate to *Tiliqua adelaidensis* offset), as identified in the map at Appendix 2, as a Significant Environment Benefit Offset under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (SA). The Significant Environment Benefit Offset must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval prior to being registered, and must be registered within 6 months of the **commencement of construction**. If the Significant Environment Benefit Offset is not registered within 6 months of the **commencement of construction**, evidence of a legal agreement providing for the conservation of the 'area for conservation' must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval. This legal agreement must be submitted and approved by the **Minister** within 6 months of the **commencement of construction**.

Appendix C

Submission of EPBC Act Approval Annual Compliance Report 2024 to DCCEE



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2024 12:01 PM
To: 'epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au'
Cc: Nigel Hicks; Jackson Friend; Diana Tulip
Subject: EPBC 2012/6573 - Hornsdale Wind Farm EPBC Act Approval Annual Compliance Report 2024
Attachments: R01_31495_HWF_EPBC Act Approval Annual Compliance Report_20241030_signed.pdf; E70808_Hornsdale_Veg-PBTL_SEB Monitoring 2024_Final_20240626.pdf

Hello EPBC monitoring team,

Please find attached the ***Hornsdale Wind Farm EPBC Act Approval (2012/6573) Annual Compliance Report: 3 August 2023 to 2 August 2024*** and supporting documentation (***Hornsdale Wind Farm SEB Offset Area Monitoring 2024***) submitted by Umwelt on behalf of the approval holder, Hornsdale Asset Co Pty Ltd (ABN 39 605 943 137), supported by NEOEN Australia.

Redacted versions of both documents will be uploaded to the Hornsdale Wind Farm website at:
<https://hornsdalewindfarm.com.au/documents/>

Could you please provide acknowledgement of receipt for the 2024 annual compliance report and supporting document?

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and/or the NEOEN contacts included in this email.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Emma

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Appendix D

Email From DCCEEW Confirming Receipt of EPBC Act Approval Annual Compliance Report in 2024



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Contact: Approvals Compliance Section (ACS) Email: epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au	• Annual Compliance Reports • Responses to requests for information • Notification of commencement of approved action • Self – reported incidents
Contact: Environmental Audit Section (EAS) Email: Audit@dcceew.gov.au	• Audit related enquiries including independent audits
Contact: Post Approvals Section (PAS) Email: PostApproval@dcceew.gov.au	• Enquiries related to management plans • Requests for variations to conditions
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EPBC Act Public Portal which contains all referrals, all notices and offsets register	All notices · EPBC Act Public Portal (awe.gov.au)
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Kind regards,

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