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Annual Environmental Management Report

Cullerin Range Wind Farm

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1. Report Certification

Table 1: Annual Environmental Management Report Summary

Item	Details
Name of Operation	Cullerin Range Wind Farm
Name of Operator	Cullerin Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (EDL)
Development consent / project approval #	05_0167
Name of holder of development consent / project approval	Cullerin Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd
Mining lease #	N/A
Name of holder of mining lease	N/A
Water licence #	N/A
Name of holder of water licence	N/A
MOP/RMP start date	N/A
MOP/RMP end date	N/A
Annual Review start date	1 July 2023
Annual Review end date	30 June 2024
<p>I, Claudia Townes, certify that this audit report is a true and accurate record of the compliance status of CULLERIN RANGE WIND FARM for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and that I am authorised to make this statement on behalf of Cullerin Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd ABN 38 126 197 126.</p> <p>Note.</p> <p>a) The Annual Review is an ‘environmental audit’ for the purposes of section 9.39 (previously section 122B(2)) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Section 9.42 (previously section 122E) provides that a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an environmental audit if the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The maximum penalty is, in the case of a corporation, \$1 million and for an individual, \$250,000.</p> <p>b) The Crimes Act 1900 contains other offences relating to false and misleading information: section 192G (Intention to defraud by false or misleading statement—maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment); sections 307A, 307B and 307C (False or misleading applications/information/documents—maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment or \$22,000, or both).</p>	
Name of authorised reporting officer	Claudia Townes
Title of authorised reporting officer	Environmental Manager
Signature of authorised reporting officer	
Date	29 August 2024

2. Statement of Compliance

Table 2 contains a statement of compliance with respect to the relevant site approvals. There were no known non-compliances with the relevant approval conditions outlined in Table 3.

Table 2 Statement of Compliance

Were all conditions of the relevant approval(s) complied with?	
Project Approval #05_0167	NO
EPA Licence #20430	YES

Table 3 Non-compliances

Relevant approval	Condition #	Condition Description (summary)	Compliance status	Comment	Addressed in
Project Approval #05_0167	90	The telephone number, postal address and email address must be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the locality at six-monthly intervals.	Non-compliant	The newsletter that was previously used ceased publication and the interval between the last publication in the old newspaper and the publication in the new newspaper exceeded the six-monthly interval.	Section 12
Risk Level	Colour Code	Description			
High	Non-compliant	Non-compliance with potential for significant environmental consequences, regardless of the likelihood of occurrence			
Medium	Non-compliant	Non-compliance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for serious environmental consequences, but is unlikely to occur; or • Potential for moderate environmental consequences, but is likely to occur 			
Low	Non-compliant	Non-compliance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for moderate environmental consequences, but is unlikely to occur; or • Potential for low environmental consequences but is likely to occur. 			
Administrative	Non-compliant	Only to be applied where the non-compliance does not result in any risk of environmental harm (e.g. submitting a report to government later than required under approval conditions).			

3. Introduction

This Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) is submitted in compliance with the Project Approval 05_0167 for the Cullerin Range Wind Farm (CRWF). This report has been prepared in accordance with the *Annual Review Guideline, October 2015*.

3.1 Cullerin Range Wind Farm Description

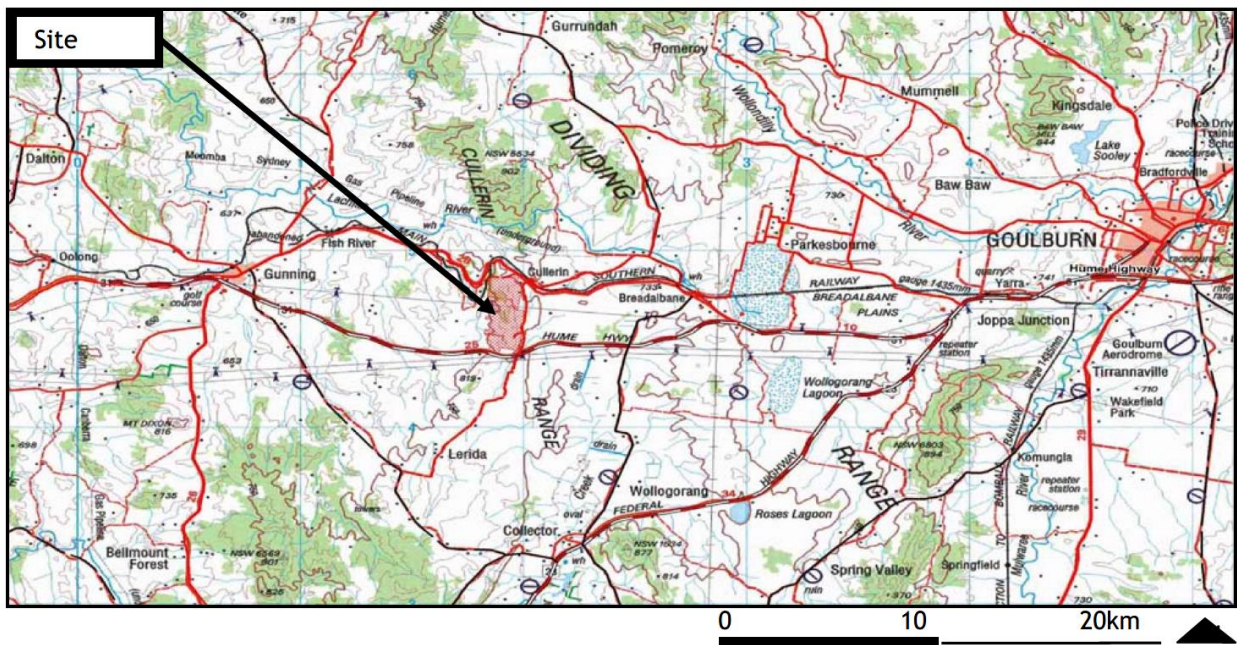
The site is located within the Southern Tableland of NSW and it is bordered to the south by the Hume Highway and to the north by the Old Hume Highway, approximately 25 km west of Goulburn. Gunning is the nearest town to the site, located approximately 10 km west. The village of Breadalbane is located approximately 8 km to the east. This site extends over two properties. The land occupied by the wind farm site is leased from two property owners who continue to undertake farming enterprises concurrent with the operation of the wind farm.

The operational footprint of the site occurs only on the following leased lots:

- DP732516 Lot 33
- DP735248 Lot 20
- DP 754110 Lots: 58, 135, 189, 192 & 193
- DP 750031 Lots: 186, 214, 218 & 220

The site location is highlighted in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Cullerin Range Wind Farm Location



The CRWF involves the operation of 15 x 2 MW wind turbines (though one is currently undergoing replacement), mounted on a tubular steel tower 80 m high (operational capacity 30 MW). Associated infrastructure includes:

- Electrical connections between wind turbines using underground cable
- A substation and transmission connection linking the wind turbines to the existing Essential Energy 132 kV transmission system located on the site

- An onsite control room and equipment storage facilities
- Access roads around the site including minor upgrades to Lerida Road North for installation and maintenance of wind turbines

The following activities are undertaken at the wind farm:

- Generation of electricity
- Switching turbines on/off depending on the suitability of the wind resource in generating electricity
- Maintenance of turbines, nacelles and towers
- Maintenance of substation
- Maintenance of other electrical infrastructure, including underground cables
- Maintenance of access roads and other civil infrastructure

The CRWF is manned by a Maintenance partner (Vestas) who are responsible for the day to day operation of the project. EDL site contact details are:

Peter Wyse	Operations Manager	peter.wyse@edlenergy.com
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3.2 Scope

The reporting period covered in this report is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. This report covers the operational phase of this project; all construction requirements were discussed in the first AEMR (submitted by Origin Energy, the previous owner of Cullerin Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd).

Construction items are only discussed where they remain relevant to the operational phase of the wind farm, and no further discussion is included in this report about requirements for the construction phase which were completed and closed out in previous reporting periods (see Attachment A for a list of the closed control items).

This report addresses all requirements in Condition 103 of the Project Approval 05_0167 as per Table 4 below:

Table 4 Condition 103 Requirements

Requirements in condition 103	Location
a) details of compliance with the conditions of this approval;	Section 2 Appendix B, C & D
b) a copy of the Complaints Register (referred to in Condition No 91) for the preceding twelve-month period (exclusive of personal details), and details of how these complaints were addressed and resolved;	Section 10.1
c) a comparison of the environmental impacts and performance of the project against the environmental impacts and performance predicted in those documents listed under Condition 2 of this approval;	Section 7
d) results of all environmental monitoring required under this approval and others, including interpretations and discussion by a suitably qualified person;	Section 7.2
e) a list of all occasions in the preceding twelve-month period when environmental performance goals for the development have not been	Section 12

Requirements in condition 103	Location
achieved, indicating the reason for failure to meet the goals and the action taken to prevent recurrence of that type of incident;	
f) identification of trends in monitoring data over the life of the project to date;	Section 7.2
g) a list of variations obtained to approvals applicable to the project and to the site during the preceding twelve month period; and;	Section 4
h) environmental management targets and strategies for the following twelve-month period, taking into account identified trends in monitoring results.	Section 13

4. Approvals

The approvals in Table 5 are currently held by or for the benefit of Cullerin Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd in relation to the operation. Table 5 shows any changes to those approvals that have occurred during the reporting period.

Table 5 Approvals

Approval	Authority	Granted	Anniversary Date	Changes during Reporting Period
Major Project No 05_0167 File No. 9041054	Minister for Planning Department of Planning & Environment (NSW DPE)	21 February 2007	Commencement of operations 1 January 2009	Nil
EPA Licence 20430	Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA)	4 June 2019	29 September Reviewed once every 5 years (currently under review)	Licence is currently missing most lot/plans, review will add these. They have been provided to EPA.

5. Operations Summary

Appendix A contains a summary of the required existing operational controls. Appendix B provides an overview of the performance of the Statement of Commitment, Submission Report and Conditions of Approval. Appendix C contains a review of the performance against the EPA Licence conditions.

There are no alterations to operations planned for the next reporting period. EDL has sourced replacement parts for the turbine that experienced a catastrophic fire in January 2023. The parts are in transit and EDL is aiming for the unit to return to service in or about December 2024.

6. Actions Required from previous Annual Review

The proposed actions from the previous Annual Review are listed below. Table 6 reviews the wind farm’s performance against those actions:

Table 6 Proposed Actions from Previous Annual Review

Action Required	Outcome
Monthly HSE inspections	Monthly HSE inspections were recorded during the period.
Bird and Bat strike monitoring	The contractor undertakes visual inspections when they attend site for maintenance (approximately once per week).
Bi-annual publication of site contact information	Contact details were published in the regional newspaper (Goulburn Post) – March 2024 and April 2024 editions. Details were previously published in the Gunning Lions Club newsletter however this is no longer published and there was a delay of greater than 6 months in finding and publishing site contact details in a replacement publication that had sufficient readership in the area.
Maintain register of complaints	A register of complaints was kept in the SAM system however no complaints were received during the period.

7. Environmental Performance

7.1 Environmental Performance Goals

The table below shows an assessment of the environmental performance goals for this reporting period which are consistent with the Operational Environmental Management Plan. Table 7 identifies the key environmental management issues and how they were addressed, any environmental management measures implemented, and any proposed improvements to environmental management or performance.

Table 7 Environmental Performance

Aspect	Approval Criteria/EIS Prediction	Performance during the reporting period	Trend/key management implications	Implemented proposed management actions
Noise	Conditions 35 – 46	No noise complaints received	Trend: No complaints	Maintain Noise Management Plan
Blasting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Air quality	Conditions 74 and 75	No construction activities occurred to require the suppression of dust using a water cart.	No complaints regarding dust management at site	N/A
Biodiversity	Condition 62 – 64	No bird or bat deaths during the period	No bird or bat deaths identified	Maintain Bird and Bat Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program
Heritage	Condition 58	No additional ground disturbing activities have occurred in the reporting period	No heritage disturbed	N/A
Stormwater	Condition 99(c)	Regular checks and maintenance of areas and roads prone to erosion	Road maintenance to prevent erosion Monthly checks	Maintain Stormwater Management Plan
Landscape	Condition 99(d)	Site maintained in accordance with Landscape	No visual amenity complaints	Maintain Landscape Management Plan

Aspect	Approval Criteria/EIS Prediction	Performance during the reporting period	Trend/key management implications	Implemented proposed management actions
		Management Plan	Monthly checks	
Waste	Condition 76	Wastes generated on site were appropriately removed and disposed of	Responsible waste tracking and disposal Monthly checks	Maintain Waste Management Plan
Bushfire	Conditions 70 – 72	Maintenance of management strategies in Bushfire Management Plan	No bushfires threatened site	Maintain Bushfire Management Plan
Visual amenity	Conditions 21 – 27	No amenity or shadow flicker complaints received	Trend: no complaints	Maintain Visual Impact Management Plan
Chemical storage	Condition 65	No spill or leaks from bunded areas reported	Compliance with chemical storage requirements	Maintain Chemical & Hydrocarbon Management Plan

7.2 Environmental Monitoring

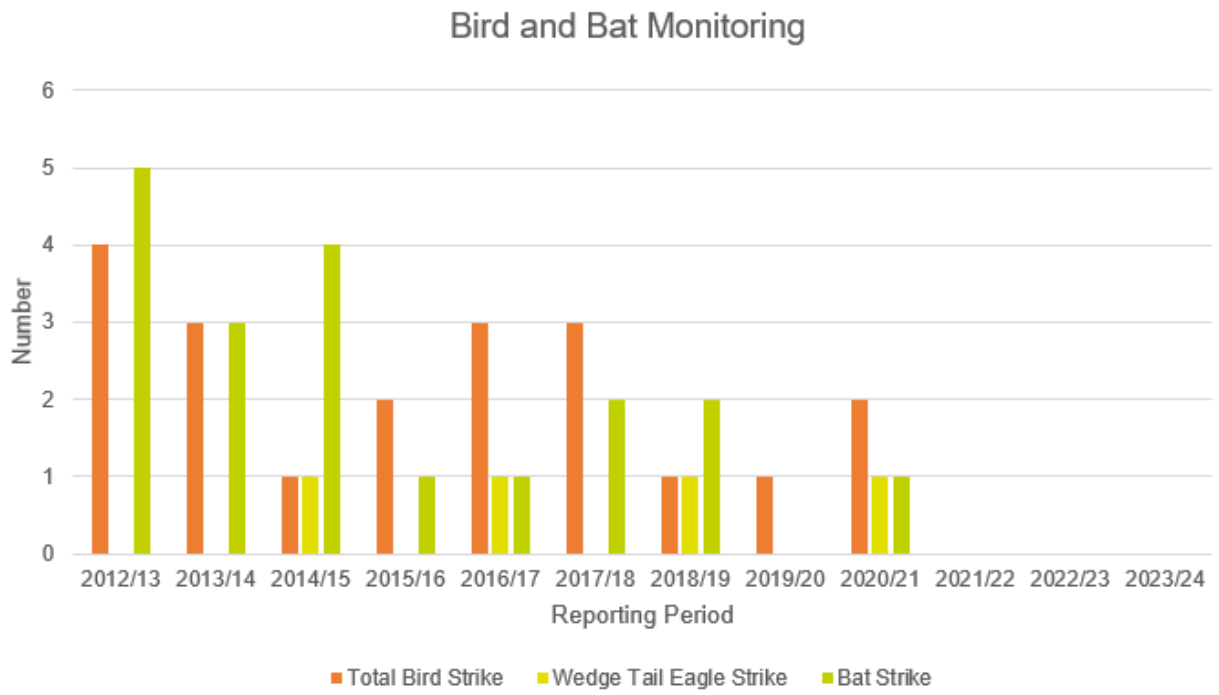
Following the completion of a targeted bird and bat monitoring campaign in July 2013, incidental finds of bird and bat carcasses continue to be recorded for this site.

For the reporting period July 2023 to June 2024 no bird or bat deaths were detected.

The chart in Figure 2 indicates a generally declining trend in the number of strikes of both birds and bats over the past eight years of monitoring data.

Due to a paucity of information at the time of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation and assessment, there was difficulty in accurately predicting the impact of the CRWF on matters of regional biodiversity. The EIS expected that as the CRWF is located parallel to a movement corridor and contains only marginal native vegetation and habitat values it was not anticipated that CRWF would generate a high level of cumulative impact on regional biodiversity. This expectation appears to be consistent with the results of the monitoring program over the past reporting periods.

Figure 2 Bird and Bat Monitoring Data July 2012 to June 2024



8. Water Management

The site does not have a water licence, does not discharge water and no water quality samples are required to be taken. In accordance with the Stormwater Management Plan contained within the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP), remediation works are undertaken where required as part of routine maintenance to control erosion.

9. Rehabilitation

The site has not undertaken any decommissioning works during the reporting period, so no remediation has occurred.

No decommissioning is planned to be completed during the next reporting period.

10. Community

The CRWF maintains a Community Enhancement Program (CEP) to fund (to provide in kind) Community initiatives in the locality of the project.

EDL continued to contribute to the CEP during the reporting period. The contribution is adjusted to take account of changes in the Consumer Price Index and agreement with the DPE.

The fund committee (made up of local residents) receives applications and decides which should be funded. However, some committee members have left in the past year and not been replaced. The committee cannot approve funding until those members are replaced. EDL has earmarked the funds for use and will provide funding when the committee is able to approve applications once more.

In 2023-24 the CEP funded various community groups as per Table 8.

Table 8 Cullerin Range Wind Farm Community Fund

Organisation	Project	Amount
Nil	Nil	\$23,000 earmarked
Total		\$23,000 earmarked

10.1 Complaints register

EDL maintains a 24-hour telephone number on which complaints about the project may be registered (1800 811 942) as well an e-mail address to which electronic complaints may be transmitted (cullerinrangewindfarm@edlenergy.com). These details are required to be published twice per year in a regional newspaper as noted above. During this reporting year these publications occurred in March 2024 and April 2024. Details were previously published in the Gunning Lions Club newsletter however this is no longer published, and it took some months to find a replacement publication that had sufficient readership in the area. Since EDL has an easily found website and other social media profiles, and contact details have not changed, we do not believe the longer gap between publications has caused any impact to the ability of the community to contact EDL.

All environmental complaints received about the CRWF are managed using the EDL SAM system on SharePoint.

No complaints were received during this reporting period.

11. Independent Audit

An independent audit has not been conducted during the reporting period. As required by Condition of Approval 82 an Independent Environmental Audit was undertaken within two years of the commencement of the project. No further request to commission an environmental audit has been made by the Director-General.

12. Incidents and non-compliances during the reporting period

There were no incidents during the reporting period.

As noted above, the six-monthly newspaper advertisement of contact details was missed in the 2nd half of 2023. This was due to the newspaper going out of publication. An alternative newspaper was identified, and advertisement space purchased for the 1st half of 2024. Since EDL has an easily found website and other social media profiles as well as physical signage at the site, and contact details have not changed, we do not believe the longer gap between publications has caused any impact to the ability of the community to contact EDL.

13. Activities to be completed in the next reporting period

The proposed targets and strategies for the next reporting period are the same as for this reporting period and in accordance with the Operational Management Plan. These actions include:

- HSE inspections;
- Bird and Bat strike monitoring;
- Bi-annual publication of site contact information; and
- Maintain register of complaints.

Appendix A Controls previously addressed

Summary of the controls (SoC), Submissions Report (SR), Condition of Approval (CoA) addressed in previous reports and are considered to be closed unless circumstances change.

Aspect	Control	Closed out
Visual impacts - operation	SoC 1, SoC 3	Prior to
	SoC 2, SoC 5, SoC 39	AEMR 2011
	CoA 21-22, CoA 99d	Prior to operation
	CoA 23, CoA 27	AEMR 2011
Noise	SoC 7, CoA 35-37, CoA 41- 46, CoA 99b	AEMR 2011
	CoA 28 - 30, SoC 35	Prior to operation
	CoA 38-40	Prior to commissioning
	SoC 8	Prior to construction
Blasting and vibration	CoA 32-34 (NA)	Prior to operation
Social and economic	EA - decommissioning funds set aside	AEMR 2013
	CoA 12, CoA 92, SoC 9, SoC 11	Prior to
Biodiversity impact –	Section	AEMR 2013
Biodiversity impact –	SR –aviation lighting	AEMR 2013
Traffic and Transport	SoC 21	Prior to
Air hazard impacts	CoA 26	AEMR 2013
	CoA 75	After construction
	SoC 24, SoC 25, SoC 26,	Prior to
Physical (air, soils and landforms. water)	SoC 32, SoC 33, SoC 34	Prior to operation
Aboriginal Archaeology	CoA 58	After construction
	SoC 12, SoC 13	Before
Telecommunications impact	SoC 28	AEMR 2011
	CoA 77	Prior to commissioning
	CoA 79	AEMR 2011
General conditions	CoA 3-CoA 7, CoA 9, CoA 14-15	AEMR 2011
	CoA 8, CoA 16 – CoA 22, CoA 51 -53 (NA), CoA 54, CoA 56, CoA 60-61, CoA 64, CoA 66-67, CoA 90, CoA 95 – 97, CoA 101-102, CoA 105, SoC 30, SoC 38, SoC 40	Prior to construction

Aspect	Control	Closed out
	CoA 68, CoA 84-85, CoA 87, SoC 36, SoC 37, SoC 41, SoC 19-SoC 23, CoA 24, SoC 4	Prior to operation
	CoA 82-83	AEMR 2012
	CoA 89	After construction
	SoC 18	End of 3 rd year of operations

Appendix B Statement of commitment (SoC), Submission Report (SR), Conditions of Approval (CoA) - Performance

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
Visual impacts		
CoA 26	Lighting No external lighting at night of any infrastructure associated with the project including wind turbine generators is permitted other than low intensity security lighting, unless otherwise agreed or directed by the Director-General or	No external lighting at night of turbines. No complaints have been received during this reporting period.
CoA 27 & SoC 5 & 39	Shadow flicker arising from the operation of the project must not exceed 30 hours/annum at any residence not associated with the project.	No complaints have been received during this reporting period
Operational noise impact		
CoA 81, SoC 6, CoA 99	Noise Monitoring — Operation Noise compliance monitoring must be conducted in accordance with the Noise Management Plan under Condition No 99(b), or as directed by the Director-General in response to noise complaints.	The Noise monitoring will be undertaken as per the CRWF EMP section 6.3 and this will be undertaken in the event a noise complaint is received. The SAM system shows no complaints received for Cullerin in this reporting period, so that no noise monitoring was required during this reporting period.

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
CoA 31	<p>During construction and operation, the Proponent must minimise noise emissions from plant and equipment operated on the site by installing and maintaining, wherever practicable, efficient silencers, low-noise mufflers (residential standard) and replacement of reversing alarms on vehicles with alternative silent measures, such as flashing lights.</p>	<p>The SAM system shows no complaints received for Cullerin.</p>
Social and economic impact		
CoA 93 & SoC 10	<p>Establishment of a community fund and ongoing income stream of \$25,000 per annum for the life of the project to assist local community organisations.</p> <p><i>Note: The \$25,000 per annum payment has been adjusted down to \$15,000 per annum (indexed to September 2006 CPI = approximately \$23,500 in 2023) through consultation with relevant stakeholders as a result of the Proponent agreeing to and paying a number of up-front payments towards local community projects in 2009.</i></p>	<p>In the 2023/24 financial year Cullerin Range Wind Farm Community Fund had money set aside and grant applications were received. However, the applications were not able to be approved because the independent local Fund Committee was (and still is) missing people in mandatory positions due to the previous members leaving. EDL is hoping the committee is able to appoint new members and allocate the funds. EDL will continue to fund the applications if and when approved by the committee.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
CoA 90	<p>Complaints Management System</p> <p>Prior to the commencement of construction, the Proponent must ensure that the following are available for community complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a 24-hour telephone number on which complaints about the project may be registered; a postal address to which written complaints may be sent; and an email address to which electronic complaints may be transmitted. <p>The telephone number, the postal address and the e-mail address must be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the locality on at least one occasion prior to the commencement of construction and at six-monthly intervals thereafter. These details must also be provided on the Proponent's internet site. The telephone number, the postal address and the email address must be maintained throughout the life of the Project.</p>	<p>A telephone complaints line was available during this reporting period.</p> <p>No complaints were received during this reporting period. Details of the complaint channels were advertised in a regional newspaper.</p> <p>Contact details were published in March 2024 and April 2024. The details were not published in the 2nd half of 2023 because the previous publication (Gunning Lions Club newsletter) was shut down. It took several months for an alternative publication to be found that met community reach/circulation requirements.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
CoA 91	<p>The Proponent must record details of all complaints received through the means listed under Condition No 90 of this approval in an up-to-date Complaints Register. The Register must record, but not necessarily be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the date and time, where relevant, of the complaint; b) the means by which the complaint was made (e.g. telephone, mail or email); c) any personal details of the complainant that were provided, or if no details were provided, a note to that effect; d) the nature of the complaint; e) any action(s) taken by the Proponent in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and f) if no action was taken by the Proponent in relation to the complaint, the reason(s) why no action was taken. g) the Complaints Register must be made available for inspection by the DG upon request. 	<p>A complaints register is maintained (SAM system). No complaints were received during this reporting period.</p>
Biodiversity impact – operation		
SoC 15	<p>Weed and sediment erosion controls will be implemented during and following the proposed works.</p> <p>After the installation of the infrastructure, disturbed soil should be rehabilitated as soon as practicable in order to resist erosion and colonisation by weeds. This may require restricting stock access and implementing revegetation activities.</p> <p>All vehicles onsite will follow established trails and minimise onsite movements.</p> <p>Chemicals, including fuels and lubricants, will be stored</p>	<p>Six-monthly inspections have been undertaken onsite including checks for erosion, stormwater, chemical storage and waste management. During the reporting period, inspections and reporting was undertaken by the on-site maintenance contractor who monitored erosion, storm water and waste issues on-site.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
	<p>and handled as per manufacturer’s instructions. Where practical, they will be stored offsite. Where they must be stored onsite, they will be housed in a secure building banded to contain any leakages.</p> <p>Turbines will be designed to accommodate the full capacity of the lubricants contained within.</p>	
SoC 17	<p>Rabbits should be controlled on the turbine ridges, carrion should be removed from the site as quickly as possible, and young lambs should not graze on the turbine ridges. Dams / wet depressions on the main ridge line will be filled to remove the potential to attract microbats, waterbirds and prey for raptors under the turbines. Alternative watering points will be constructed in consultation with affected property owners. (This is only required on properties involved in the project and therefore lease agreements are considered sufficient to compensate for this action).</p>	<p>Pest control (including rabbits) was undertaken by the landowners.</p>
SR	<p>The Assessment of Significance for the Large-footed Myotis (bat) predicted a moderate potential to affect the viability of local populations. An adaptive management monitoring plan and design features were recommended to monitor and manage impacts.</p>	<p>Results to date indicate no significant impact to birds and bats. No Large-footed Myotis have been recorded in carcass searches during this reporting period.</p>
SR	<p>For raptors, the risk of collision was predicted to be related primarily to foraging activity. The aim of the monitoring program was to detect and act on collision levels such levels did not reach unacceptable levels.</p>	<p>A Bird & Bat Management Plan is contained within the current CRWF Operational Environmental Management Plan.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
SR	<p>The Submissions Report considered the possibility of creating a local population sink, a consequence of situating a wind farm in an area where a naturally high density of a bird species occurs. However, this effect was not anticipated. The monitoring program would safeguard against this risk.</p>	<p>A Bird & Bat Management Plan is contained within the current CRWF Operational Environmental Management Plan. Results to date indicate no significant impact to birds and bats (see Section 7.2).</p>
CoA 63	<p>The Proponent must make a financial contribution of \$1500.00 to the NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service (WIRES) for each death of a wedge-tailed eagle that has reasonably been attributed to the carrying out of the project. The financial contribution must be paid by the Proponent within one month of the Proponent becoming aware of the death. The contribution must be adjusted to take account of any increase in the Consumer Price Index over time, commencing at the March 2007 quarter.</p>	<p>No wedge-tailed eagles were harmed during the reporting period.</p>
CoA 80	<p>Birds and bats must be monitored in accordance with the Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Program</p>	<p>Incidental searches under turbines for bird and bat carcasses continue to be undertaken as part of the CRWF Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Program and the conclusions from the report completed in 2016 by Brett Lane Associates.</p> <p>No carcasses were found during this reporting period.</p>
CoA 99	<p>As part of the OEMP, the Proponent must prepare and implement the following management plans and programs: A bird management plan.</p>	<p>A Bird & Bat Management Plan is contained within the current CRWF Operational Environmental Management Plan.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
Air hazard Impacts – operation		
CoA 69	In the event that aerial weed control and/or fertiliser application is restricted due to the location of the wind turbine generators, the Proponent must fully fund the cost difference between aerial weed spraying/fertiliser application and a reasonable alternative, unless otherwise agreed by the Director-General.	<p>No reported impacts to aerial spraying services during this reporting period.</p> <p>There were no events where aerial weed control or fertiliser application was restricted due to the wind turbines and as such CoA 69 was not exercised.</p>
Telecommunications impacts		
SoC 27	Use of equipment complying with the Electromagnetic Emission Standard, AS/NZS 4251.2:1999. In the event that TV is experienced by existing receivers within 5 km of the wind farm, the source and nature of the interference will be investigated.	No TV reception community complaints received in this reporting period.
CoA 78	The Proponent must undertake any reasonable and feasible mitigation measures to rectify any television/radio transmission problems reasonably attributable to the project at any residential dwelling located within 5 kilometres of a wind turbine.	No TV reception community complaints received in this reporting period.
Fire and bushfire impacts		
SoC 29	A set of protocols will be developed in consultation with the Rural Fire Service in regard to bushfire prevention measures to be implemented onsite during construction, operation and decommissioning phases. These measures will in particular cover hot-work procedures, asset protection zones, safety, communication, site access and response protocols.	<p>The Bushfire Risk Management Plan has been updated with the latest RFS version of <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection</i> (included in the EMP) and is operating on-site.</p> <p>General site maintenance activities have been undertaken during this reporting period.</p>

Condition #	Condition or Statement of commitment	Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
CoA 72	<p>As part of the Construction and Operation EMPs in Condition Nos 95 and 98, the Proponent must prepare, in consultation with the local RFS, a Bushfire Risk Management Plan based on the guidelines <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection</i> (RFS, 2001 or its latest edition). The sub plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the bushfire hazards and risks associated with the project; • mitigation measures including contingency plans; • procedures and programs for liaison and regular drills with the local RFS; and • procedures for regular fire prevention inspections by the local RFS and implementation of any recommendations. 	Bushfire Risk Management Plan includes these items.
CoA 70	<p>Throughout the life of the project, the Proponent must regularly consult with the local Rural Fire Service (RFS) to ensure that the local RFS is familiar with the project, including the construction timetable and the final location of all infrastructure on the site. The Proponent must comply with any reasonable request of the local RFS to reduce the risk of bushfire and to enable fast access in emergencies.</p>	RFS visited the site in January 2023 to respond to the turbine fire and are familiar with the site.
CoA 71	<p>The Proponent must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) ensure that there is appropriate fire- fighting equipment held on site to respond to any fires that may occur at the site during construction and operation of the project; and b) assist the Rural Fire Service and emergency services as much as possible if there is a fire on-site during the project. 	<p>Firefighting facilities are available on site including an installed 22,000 litre tank for increased fire water storage capacity and availability and water cart. No change since last reporting period.</p>

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Physical impacts (climate, air, water, soils and landforms) – Operation		
CoA 99	As part of the OEMP, the Proponent must prepare and implement the following management plans and programs: a) Water Management Plan b) Waste Management Plan	A stormwater management plan is included in the site environmental management plan, six-monthly checks of stormwater drains and erosion were completed. A Waste Management Plan is included in the site environmental management plan, six-monthly checks of appropriate waste management were implemented during this reporting period. The Operating contractors manage their own waste.
CoA 59	Any fill material brought to site must be Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), as defined under the EPA's publication <i>Environmental Guidelines: Assessment, Classification and Management of Liquid and Non-Liquid Waste</i> .	No fill material was imported during this reporting period.
CoA 74	The Proponent must undertake the project in a manner that minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the site and Lerida Road North, including wind-blown and traffic-generated dust, including ensuring that all vehicles entering or leaving the site and carrying a load that may generate dust emissions are covered at all times, except during loading and unloading.	During this reporting period no vehicles carrying a load that may generate dust emissions were required to enter site.
Safety and health impacts		
CoA 73	a) procedures and programs for the maintenance and testing of the safety related equipment to ensure its integrity over the life of the project; and b) an outline of a documented procedure for the management of change.	a) Maintenance is tracked via the contractor's maintenance scheduling system. b) EDL Management of Change process is located in EDL SharePoint.
General conditions of approval		

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<i>Obligations to minimize harm to the environment</i>		
CoA 1	The Proponent must implement all practicable measures to prevent or minimise any harm to the environment that may result from the construction, commissioning, operation and decommissioning of the Project.	Operational reporting is being undertaken – bird and bat, soil, water, waste, monthly environmental inspections & reporting, maintenance of complaints and incident register.
<i>Scope of the project</i>		
CoA 2	The Proponent must carry out the project generally in accordance with the EA, SoC, Submissions Report and Conditions of Approval.	AEMR demonstrates this.
<i>General</i>		
CoA 13 & CoA 98	The Proponent must be responsible for and put in place an environmental management system governing the conduct of all persons on the site. The Proponent must prepare and implement an Operation Environmental Management Plan in accordance with the Department’s publication entitled Guideline for the Preparation of Environmental Management Plans (2004) or its latest revision. The Plan must include, but not necessarily be limited to:...	A current Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) is in place for this site.
CoA 47	The Proponent must undertake all works affecting any public road (including Crown Roads), its associated road reserve and any public infrastructure in that road reserve, to meet any reasonable requirements that may be specified by the relevant roads authority.	No works in public roads were completed during this reporting period. Not applicable
CoA 48	All heavy vehicles associated with the project arriving or departing from the site must use the Hume Highway, Lerida Road North and that portion of the Old Hume Highway (Cullerin Road) between Lerida Road North and the site	All heavy vehicles avoided the Old Hume Highway through Breadalbane during this reporting period

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	access point to minimise truck movements along the Old Hume Highway through Breadalbane.	
CoA 62	The Proponent must design, construct, operate and maintain the project in a manner that avoids damage to or loss of the orchid, <i>Diurus aequalis</i> and its habitat.	No orchid, Buttercup Doubletail (<i>Diurus aequalis</i>) were found on site during this reporting period (this has never been found on site).
SoC 14	Protect the Northern Slope from primary disturbance due to the proposal	No further disturbance occurred during this reporting period.
CoA 86	Any damage caused to public infrastructure as a result of the project must be repaired to the satisfaction of Council, or relevant utility provider and within such period as specified by the Council, or relevant utility provider.	No damage was caused to public infrastructure during this reporting period.
CoA 88	Subject to confidentiality, the Proponent must make all documents required under this approval publicly available on request.	No requests were received during this reporting period.
CoA 100	Within three years of the commencement of operation, and at least every three years thereafter, the Proponent must undertake a formal review of the Operation Environmental Management Plan (OEMP). The review must ensure that the OEMP is up-to-date and all changes to procedures and practices since the previous review have been fully incorporated into the OEMP. The Proponent must notify the D-G and the Council of the completion of each review, and must supply a copy of the updated OEMP to those parties on request.	The OEMP was updated in the 2022/23 period. Council and the Department were notified on 15/09/2022 and provided a copy.

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CoA 103	<p>The Proponent must prepare and submit for the approval of the Director-General, an Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) throughout the life of the project, or as otherwise required by the DG. The AEMR must review the performance of the project against the Operation Environmental Management Plan, the conditions of this approval and other licences and approvals relating to the project. The AEMR must include, but not necessarily be limited to:...</p>	<p>The AEMR for this reporting period has been prepared in accordance with the requirement of this CoA and the <i>Annual Review Guideline, October 2015</i>.</p>
	<p>a) details of compliance with the conditions of this approval;</p>	<p>Section 2 Appendix B, C & D</p>
	<p>b) a copy of the Complaints Register (referred to in Condition No 91) for the preceding twelve-month period (exclusive of personal details), and details of how these complaints were addressed and resolved;</p>	<p>Section 10.1</p>
	<p>c) a comparison of the environmental impacts and performance of the project against the environmental impacts and performance predicted in those documents listed under Condition 2 of this approval;</p>	<p>Section 7</p>
	<p>d) results of all environmental monitoring required under this approval and others, including interpretations and discussion by a suitably qualified person;</p>	<p>Section 7</p>
	<p>e) a list of all occasions in the preceding twelve-month period when environmental performance goals for the development have not been achieved, indicating the reason for failure to meet the goals and the action taken to prevent recurrence of that type of incident;</p>	<p>Section 12</p>
	<p>f) identification of trends in monitoring data over the life of the project to date;</p>	<p>Section 7</p>

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	g) a list of variations obtained to approvals applicable to the project and to the site during the preceding twelvemonth period; and;	Section 4
	h) environmental management targets and strategies for the following twelve-month period, taking into account identified trends in monitoring results.	Section 13
CoA 104	<p>The Proponent must provide copies of the approved annual AEMR to the Council and any agencies required by the D-G with:</p> <p>a) the second and subsequent AEMRs to be submitted within three months of the end of the previous reporting period; and</p> <p>b) the AEMR being made available to the public upon request.</p>	No requests were received during this reporting period.
<i>Environmental representative</i>		
CoA 94	The Proponent must nominate a suitably qualified and experienced Environmental Representative(s) whose appointment requires prior approval of the Director-General.	A suitably qualified and experienced environmental representative nomination was approved by the Director General on 22 June 2018. Document is stored on EDL SharePoint System.
Decommissioning		
CoA 10	Within one year of decommissioning, the Site must be returned, as far as practicable, to its condition prior to the commencement of Construction.	Not applicable for this reporting period.
CoA 11	If any wind turbine is not used for the generation of electricity for a continuous period of 12 months, it must be decommissioned unless otherwise agreed to by the Director- General.	All turbines except Turbine 2 generated electricity within this reporting period. Turbine 2 is undergoing replacement due to the fire incident. If the decision is made to remove the turbine, this will be discussed with the Director-General.

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CoA 49	Vegetation must be cleared and maintained for the duration of the construction (and decommissioning) period to ensure safe intersection sight distances are maintained at the junction of the Hume Highway and Lerida Road North in all directions.	Construction has been completed. No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.
CoA 50	<p>Prior to the commencement of construction (and decommissioning), the Proponent must undertake unsealed shoulder widening for the right turn lane on the Hume Highway into Lerida Road North and for the left turn lane on the Hume Highway into Lerida Road North. Design plans of the widening, including the geometric road design and pavement design, must be submitted to the RTA for approval.</p> <p>Following completion of the construction works (and decommissioning), the Proponent must rehabilitate the shoulders to the satisfaction of the RTA.</p>	Construction has been completed. No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.
CoA 55	During construction (and decommissioning), Lerida Road North, and those portions of Cullerin Road and old Sydney Road used by heavy vehicles, must be maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition at all times by the provision of regular maintenance and grading.	Construction has been completed. No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.
CoA 57	The Proponent must prepare road dilapidation reports, in consultation with Council, for the construction (and decommissioning) route where it traverses Lerida Road North and part of Cullerin Road and old Sydney Road. These reports must be prepared prior to the commencement of construction (and decommissioning) and after construction (and decommissioning) is complete. Copies of the reports must be provided to the Council. Any damage resulting from the construction (or decommissioning) traffic, except that resulting from normal wear and tear, must be repaired at the Proponent's cost.	Construction has been completed. No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.

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	Alternatively, the Proponent may negotiate an alternative arrangement for road damage with the Council.	
SoC 16	Retain all hollow bearing trees and locate infrastructure at the maximum distance possible from them, to avoid disturbance to roosting individuals (during construction and decommissioning phase)	Construction has been completed. No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.
SoC 31	<p>Wind turbines, substation, control building, and the associated above ground electricity infrastructure will be removed and the site restored within 12 months of the wind farm being decommissioned. Details will be provided in a Site Restoration Plan.</p> <p>Written evidence will be provided to the Director General, that the lease agreement(s) with the site landowners have adequate provisions to meet the decommissioning requirements, that the site be restored to a similar condition as existed before the development, by way of a specific site restoration plan.</p>	No decommissioning has been done during this reporting period.

Appendix C Environmental Protection Licence 20430 - Performance

Environmental Conditions		Implementation of controls (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024)
A1 (A1.1-A1.3)	Scheduled Activity – Electrical Generation Fee Based Activity – Electrical Works (Wind Farm) Scale – 0 - 450 GWh generated	Generation scale not exceeded – Generation in Reporting Period – 85.515 GWh
A2 (A2.1-A2.2)	Premises or plant to which this licence applies	No changes were done during this reporting period
A3 (A3.1)	Information supplied to the EPA	No changes were done during this reporting period
P1 (P1.1)	Discharges to Air and Water and application to land	Not applicable, no table included in licence.
L1 (L1.1)	Pollution of waters	No pollution of waters occurred during this reporting period
L2 (L2.1-L2.2)	Waste	Onsite waste segregation requirements are outlined in the CRWF EMP. Very little waste is generated on site. General waste is collected and taken to the local refuse transfer station. The Wind Farm Operations Contractor manages their own waste.
L3 (L3.1-L3.5)	Noise	No noise testing was required to be undertaken during this reporting period.
O1 (O1.1)	Activities to be undertaken in a competent manner	Site activities undertaken as per the site Operational Environmental Management Plan. Operating procedures are in place. Operator training has and continues to be provided as required. Six-monthly HSE inspections are undertaken.

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O2 (O2.1)	Maintenance of Plant and Equipment	A combination of EDL's Pronto system and the contractor's own maintenance scheduling system is utilised at CRWF.
O3	Dust	Roads on site are gravelled, speed limits are in place on site. No dust complaints were received during the reporting period.
O4	Emergency Response	A site Emergency Response Procedure is in place. This document details specific responses to environmental incidents and conditions.
O5 (O5.1)	Bunding & Spill Management	All fuels, chemicals and lubricant are appropriately stored in secure bunded areas. Spill kits available and serviced on-site.
M1 (M1-M3)	Monitoring Records	Site Environmental monitoring records are kept on EDL SharePoint system. No sample collections were required to be undertaken during this reporting period.
M2 (M2.1-M2.3)	Recording of pollution complaints	No complaints were received during this reporting period.
M3 (M3.1-M3.3)	Telephone complaints line	A telephone complaints line was available during this reporting period. No complaints were received during this reporting period. Details of the complaint channels were advertised in the regional newspaper twice during this reporting period in March 2024 and April 2024.
R1 (R1.1-R1.8)	Annual Return Documents	The Anniversary date for the CRWF Environmental Licence is 29 September. An Annual Return was submitted in November 2023. The annual return is signed by the Company Secretary and the CEO.
R2 (R2.1-R2.2)	Notification of Environmental Harm	No notifications were required to be submitted during this reporting period.
R3 (R.3.1-R3.4)	Written Report	A final report regarding the turbine fire was sent to NSW EPA on 28 July 2023. EPA was satisfied and no further actions were required.
G1 (G1.1-G1.3)	Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant	Hard copy is kept on site, additionally this licence is available electronically via the EDL SharePoint system.