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Referral Advice from Head of Transport for Victoria, Department of Transport



Department of Transport and Planning

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Ref: PPR 48042/25

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Dear Hannah

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.: PA2403451
DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NO: PPR 48042/25
PROPERTY ADDRESS: KERANG-QUAMBATOOK ROAD, WANDELLA VIC 3579

Section 55 – No objection subject to conditions

Thank you for your referral dated 15 January 2025 of the above application to the Head, Transport for Victoria under Section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The Head, Transport for Victoria has considered this application and does not object if the permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. Generally, before the development starts and once construction methods and transportation routes are known, a detailed Traffic Management Plan must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Head, Transport for Victoria, and the Minister for Planning. When approved, the Traffic Management Plan will be endorsed by the Minister for Planning and the Head, Transport for Victoria. The Traffic Management Plan must be complied with, unless varied by the written consent of Gannawarra Shire Council and the Head, Transport for Victoria. The Traffic Management Plan must include:
 - a) the scope of the expertise, duties and role of the nominated Road Quality Auditor engaged under the below, including inspection frequency and reporting requirements.
 - b) the number and type of anticipated vehicle movements and the time of day when local roads will be used.
 - c) the nominated routes for traffic accessing and departing the wind energy facility site.
 - d) an existing conditions survey (including testing of road base) of public roads that may be used in connection with the wind energy facility (for access, pre-construction, or construction purposes), including details of the

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suitability, design, condition, and construction standard of the relevant public roads.

- e) the designation of all vehicle access points to the wind energy facility site from surrounding roads. Vehicle access points must be designed and located to ensure safe sight distances, turning movements, and avoid potential through traffic conflicts.
- f) the designation of appropriate pre-construction, construction, and transport vehicle routes to and from the to the wind energy facility site, including designation of transport vehicle routes being used to establish the on-site quarries.
- g) engineering plans demonstrating whether, and if so how, truck movements to and from the wind energy facility site can be accommodated on sealed roadways and turned without encroaching onto the incorrect side of the road.
- h) measures to be undertaken to record traffic volumes on the nominated road network during the construction of the wind energy facility.
- i) recommendations regarding the need for road and intersection upgrades to accommodate any additional traffic or site access requirements (whether temporary or ongoing). Where upgrades are required, the Traffic Management Plan must include:
 - i. detailed engineering plans showing the required works, including cross sections which show their formation, depth, drainage, and surface levels to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning and the Head, Transport for Victoria; and
 - ii. the timing of when the works are to be undertaken.
 - iii. proposed measures to ensure workers enter and exit the wind energy facility site from the designated site entrances.
 - iv. proposed measures to ensure construction vehicles are easily identifiable.
 - v. the designation of mitigation measures, including operating hours and speed limits for trucks on routes accessing the wind energy facility site which:
 - a. provide for appropriate safety measures around school bus routes and school bus times where relevant; and
 - b. provide for resident safety.
 - vi. proposed measures to manage traffic impacts associated with the ongoing operation of the wind energy facility on the traffic volumes and flows on surrounding roads; and

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- vii. a program to rehabilitate existing public roads within agreed timeframes to the condition identified in the surveys carried out under the above condition or to the condition to which the roads have been upgraded, whichever is relevant.
- 2. Where there is:
 - a) a significant increase in vehicle numbers, determined by the Road Quality Auditor, above the anticipated vehicle movements identified in the endorsed Traffic Management Plan; or
 - b) any change to an endorsed vehicle route identified in the Traffic Management Plan, the Traffic Management Plan must be updated to the satisfaction of Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria within 28 days of the event described in this condition or the above condition.
- 3. Prior to endorsement of the Traffic Management Plan, the developer of the wind energy facility must submit to the Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head Transport for Victoria for approval the identity of a suitably qualified engineer, independent of the proponent's traffic adviser who will undertake the duties of the Road Quality Auditor identified in the traffic management plan. Once approved, the developer of the wind energy facility must engage, at its cost, the approved Road Quality Auditor to fulfil the requirements of the Road Quality Auditor as defined in the Traffic Management Plan.
- 4. Council or the Head, Transport for Victoria may require at any time the appointment of an alternate proposed Road Quality Auditor within 21 days of making a written request to the wind energy facility developer, if the appointed Road Quality Auditor is unable to maintain independence or is unable to meet project timelines to Council's or the Head, Transport for Victoria's satisfaction. The alternate auditor must, if approved, be appointed by the wind energy facility developer to undertake the duties identified under the Traffic Management Plan.
- 5. Prior to endorsement of the Traffic Management Plan, the terms of reference for the Road Quality Auditor must be endorsed by Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria, including but not limited to:
 - a) a program of regular inspections to be carried out during the construction of the wind energy facility to identify maintenance works necessary because of construction traffic.
 - b) frequency of inspections.
 - c) frequency of reporting to the wind energy facility developer, Gannawarra Shire Council and the Head, Transport for Victoria.
 - d) standards to which all agreed local roads are constructed.

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- e) ongoing maintenance and repair regime during construction of the wind turbine generators.
 - f) procedures for corrective works resulting from non-compliance; and
 - g) penalties for non-compliance.
6. Prior to the commencement of development of the wind energy facility, engineering plans for all road works required by the Traffic Management Plan must be submitted to the Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria for approval. The engineering plans must be designed to Australian Standards and in accordance with VicRoads guidelines and include:
- a) the location and detailed design of the connection between the internal access tracks and the public roads.
 - b) a demonstration that safe sight distances, turning movements, and the avoidance of traffic conflicts at the intersection of internal roads and public roads will be achieved to the satisfaction of Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria.
7. Prior to the commencement of construction of wind turbine footings, crane hardstand, internal access roads, the substation or transmission towers, road construction works as shown on the plan(s) endorsed under this permit, must be undertaken, completed, and assessed and approved by the Independent Road Quality Auditor to the satisfaction of Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria. These works may be staged as construction of individual turbine groupings are commenced.
8. The traffic management and road upgrade and maintenance works identified in the endorsed Traffic Management Plan must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Gannawarra Shire Council, and other impacted Councils and the Head, Transport for Victoria.

Please forward a copy of any decision to this office as required under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Kirsten McKay at LMH.statutory.planning@transport.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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Under delegation from the Head, Transport for Victoria
12/2/2025

Cc: Permit applicant

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