Our Ref: 9192

06 December 2023

Department of Transport and Planning Development Approvals and Design – Renewables Attn: Michael Juttner Via Online Portal

Dear Michael,

Re: Request to amend a planning permit (Section 97I) – alteration to permit condition Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Permit Ref: 2006/0220-3

KLM Spatial acts on behalf of Woolsthorpe Asset Pty Ltd as trustee for Woolsthorpe Asset Trust in preparing and submitting this application to amend the above planning permit.

Condition 14 of the planning permit requires the preparation and approval of a Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAM Plan) before development starts.

At this point in time, works are proposed to commence on site for the project Q3, 2024. To ensure this timeframe is meet, we are seeking to amend condition 14 to defer the approval of the BAM Plan until commissioning. No other changes to the conditions are required.

The suggested wording of the condition is as follows;

Prior to the commissioning of the first wind turbine, as per existing wording.

This revised timeframe is considered appropriate for the following reasons;

- The document itself is a management plan which is implemented when the wind farm is in operation.
- Accordingly, amending the condition to require this Plan to be approved prior to commissioning is appropriate.
- The preparation of the Plan does not result in changes to the layout or design of the project which justify its preparation prior to works commencing.
- There are examples of other projects and their subsequent planning permits which have similar timeframes.

It is not considered that the proposed amendment requires the application to be publicly notified. This view has been formed on the following basis;

- The amendment is 'technical' in nature and does not alter the requirements of the Plan to be prepared nor its ongoing requirements.
- The timing change sought is unlikely to result in detriment noting that the Plan relates to the operations of the wind farm.



• Pursuant to Clause 52.32-8, an application to amend a referred wind energy facility made under Section 97I of the Act is exempt from the requirements of Section 97E(1) as the application does not seek to increase the total number of turbines or increase the height.

We trust the above is acceptable and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the undersigned on 9794 1600 or via email <u>Manager@klms.com.au.</u>

Yours Sincerely

Katelyn Nash **KLM Spatial**