

7 April 2025

Dear Tarong West Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (C/o - Keith Cambell),

Response to 4 March 2025 Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Questions

The below letter contains responses to the questions, comments and concerns raised at the 4 March 2025 CCC meeting. The responses have been provided to the best of RES's knowledge at this time and can be subject to change as the project progresses and details are finalised.

#### **TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

1. Outcomes of the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA)

RES Response: Development of the TIA is continuing in consultation with South Burnett Regional Council. Once Council feedback is received and the drafting of the TIA has progressed further, we anticipate the following milestone dates:

- key summaries to share with the CCC by the end of May 2025
- final version to be shared publicly completed by end of June 2025.
- 2. What types of gravel are being sought (as locals may be able to provide advice/possible source sites)?

RES Response: Off-site material sourcing, including gravel and sand will be required by the Project during construction to be used in several activities including road upgrades (specifically for pavement and subsurface material), access track construction and concrete production. A small number of quarries close to the Project site are being assessed for use during construction. If you know of a potential source for quarry materials please let any of the Project team members know. Additionally, the suppliers will be able to submit their expressions of interest via the ICN Gateway page.

3. CCC has requested a traffic counter to be re-instated on Ironpot Road – reason: to demonstrate/validate the traffic increases.

RES Response: All traffic counter instruments were installed by the South Burnett Regional Council. No traffic counters have been installed by the project team or any of its subcontractors to date.

4. RES to investigate road transport options for the Tarong West Wind Farm that reduces the dangerous and risky volume by re-directing the non-OSOM traffic; and create a mechanism to enable the school bus to safely get off the road on the Mannuem to Kumbia Road.

RES Response: RES has highlighted this concern with its project traffic consultants and noted that consideration of the bus routes is a high priority for inclusion in all relevant final documentation such as, the Project Traffic Impact Assessment and Management Plan and public road upgrade designs. The Project is considering the inclusion of wider areas at bus stop locations to allow buses to safely pick up and drop off away from other traffic. The routes proposed to be used by the Project during construction are under consultation with the South Burnett Regional Council. Once finalised, the Traffic Impact Assessment and Management Plan will be made available for viewing. Based on current schedule RES expects the documents to be available to the public by no later than the end of June.

#### WATER ACCESS/HYDROLOGY

5. Will the hydrology report include pre-emptive monitoring of current water levels before commencement to determine if there is an impact as construction gets underway?

RES Response: Yes. A baseline will be established pre-construction at the beginning of the monitoring campaign prior to any construction works starting. This baseline will be used throughout the construction phase of the Project to monitor any impacts that may occur from water use on site during construction.

6. Some bores are licenced and some are not, does the desktop exercise capture all of these?

RES Response: Only registered/licenced bores that have publicly available information have been included in the desktop assessment.

#### **BIO-SECURITY**

7. Has a Biosecurity plan been developed prior to the construction phase beginning? Will it be negotiated with landowners?

RES Response: A biosecurity plan has been and continues to be used for the development phase of the project which will be further refined and used as an input to the biosecurity plan used during construction. This will occur prior to commencement of construction.

An example Table of Contents page from a previously used Biosecurity Plan has been attached in Attachment A at the end of this document.

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

#### 1. Set up of the project ICN Gateway page

RES Response: To ensure local suppliers can register their interest in the Project, RES will establish a portal on the project website by the end of May 2025. RES is also planning a procurement event with the Project's EPC contractor to facilitate sharing of information regarding work packages and contract tendering requirements with all parties/businesses/individuals that are interested in employment on the Project. This will also assist with direct engagement between the lead contractor and local businesses. This event is planned to occur in Q2 2025.

#### 2. Littering along roadways: What can be done?

RES Response: Littering is a serious issue with environmental, economic, and social consequences. Littering impacts public spaces, wildlife, and overall quality of life and it is unfortunate to hear it is occurring in the region. RES requires all its employees and contractors to be respectful of the environment and take rubbish with them and dispose of it in a safe manner. RES will continue to ensure these expectations are properly understood and adhered to via all available methods. The Project also has and will continue to administer a complaints procedure to enable concerned residents to raise specific issues. See Attachment B at the end of this document for RES's complaints procedure.

We hope the above information adequately addresses the concerns and comments raised by the CCC meeting held on 4 March 2025.

Should you require further information please let us know at contact\_us@tarongwestwindfarm.com.au

Kind regards,

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## Attachment A

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# **RES Complaint Handling Procedure**

RES's procedure for complaint handling consists of a three-tiered system: initial complaint handling; internal review and external review. The steps in the procedure are outlined below.

### **Complaints Procedure** DAY 0 Step 1. Receive complaint Step 2. Register complaint details Step 3. Initial assessment DAY 2 Does it relate to a RES development project? Is it a complaint, enquiry or general feedback? Step 4. Acknowledge receipt, outline process/ DAY 3 Step 5. Investigate complaint and work towards resolution with complainant Step 6. Provide a response to the complainant DAY 30 and offer an internal review if resolution is not satisfactory A response will be provided earlier where possible Step 7. Complainant requests a review CLOCK Step 8. Conduct an internal review **RESTARTS** if requested Step 9. Provide complainant with a response on the outcome of the internal review including pathways for external review if unsatisfied

Note: days = business days from receipt (unless otherwise stated)

