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Subject – MP 08_0252 Flyers Creek Wind Farm – Independent Environmental Audit Report (IEA) No2 and IEA Response Plan

Dear Scotney,

In accordance with Schedule E, Condition E9 of the Project's Approval, please find attached the project's Independent Environmental Audit Report No. 2 and the corresponding proponent's Audit Action Response Plan to the audit findings for Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Flyers Creek Windfarm (MP08_0252)

Independent Environmental Audit No 2

Audit Action Response Plan

11th May 2026





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1. Introduction / Background

Flyers Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd, the proponent of the Flyers Creek Wind Farm (NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Project Approval: MP 08_0252), herein referred to as the “Project” has prepared this Audit Response Plan to the findings as detailed in the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) No 2 report (April 2026) undertaken by Vantage Environmental Management Pty Ltd. The IEA covered the period from the day after the site inspection of the previous audit, 11 May 2023, to the date of the current audit site inspection, 19 March 2026, conducted in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (IAPAR, May 2020).

Section 2 below and corresponding table provides the proponents response and actions for closure to the IEA No 2 Audit findings as presented in the above mentioned report.



2. IEA No2 Action Response

Outlined in Table 1 below is Flyers Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd action responses to the IEA Non-Conformance(s) and Opportunity for Improvement (OFI) findings with specified timeframes for closure.

Approval (ID)	Requirement	Independent Audit Findings	Independent Audit Recommendations	Compliance Status	Proponent's Proposed Action/Action taken/Response	Proposed Action Due Date
C11	The Proponent must ensure that: (a) the wind turbines are constructed in accordance with the relevant standards, including the structural design requirements of IEC 61400-1 Wind turbines – Part 1: Design Requirements (or equivalent); and (b) all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA. Notes: • Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Proponent is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works. • Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the project	A performance-based review, completed by LeBLANC, concluded that the design considerations of the wind turbines exceeded or met the Australian standards. The Tuv Nord Design Evaluation Conformity Statement references the IEC 61400-1 (Design requirements) and IEC 61400-22 (Conformity testing and certification). Critical Stage Inspection letters and Inspection Certificates for the WTG foundations were sighted by the Auditor. The proponent has obtained Interim Occupation Certificates for the substation and O&M facility and 8 of the 38 Wind Turbine Generators. Evidence was provided to the Auditor that the proponent is working to obtain all Occupation Certificates as a priority and have produced an Occupation Certificate tracker and set up meetings with the certifier. Non-compliance No. 1 (FCWF-IEA2-NC1): Occupation Certificates have not been finalised for the substation and O&M facility and the 39 wind turbine generators.	Recommendation No. 1 (FCWF-IEA2-R1): Finalise obtaining Occupation Certificates for the substation and O&M facility and the 39 wind turbine generators as a priority.	Non-compliant	The proponent has engaged a local certifier (ProCert) to update the interim occupancy certificates to final certificates for the Substation, O&M facility and turbines 1-8, and to close out the remaining occupancy certificates for turbines 9-38. The proponent has commenced this process and is working with the certifier to develop a closeout tracking register. The indicated timeline range has been provided by the external certifier.	Dec-26 - May-27
E2	The Proponent must ensure that: (a) the wind turbines are constructed in accordance with the relevant standards, including the structural design requirements of IEC 61400-1 Wind turbines – Part 1: Design Requirements (or equivalent); and (b) all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the BCA. Notes: • Under Part 4A of the EP&A Act, the Proponent is required to obtain construction and occupation certificates for the proposed building works. • Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation sets out the requirements for the certification of the project	Contact details, including a 24 hour telephone number and postal and email addresses, are currently listed on the project website under a "Contact Us" link (as of 05/03/26). Non-compliance No. 2 (FCWF-IEA2-NC2): Contact details were published in a local newspaper, The Western Advocate, however the date of publication (09/08/25) was after commencement of operation (11/07/25).	Recommendation No. 2 (FCWF-IEA2-R2): The compliance tracking program should be reviewed to ensure that future notification deadlines are met.	Non-compliant	The proponent is in the process of updating the compliance tracking program. Furthermore the proponent has ensured it has an annual review of this obligation within its compliance tracking software (Risk wizard) to be included in the proposed updated compliance tracking program.	30/08/2026
E6	The Department must be notified in writing to compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au immediately after the Proponent becomes aware of the incident. The notification must identify the project, including the project application number and the name of the project, and set out the location and nature of the incident.	A copy of the Incident Register (covering period of 21/11/23 to 26/02/26) was provided to the Auditor and further discussion is provided within Section 4.10 of this audit report. No incidents were reported to DPHI during the audit period, however DPHI considered that one (1) notifiable incident occurred during the audit period related to blade damage. Non-compliance No. 3 (FCWF-IEA2-NC3): A turbine blade breakage, which occurred due to a lightning strike, was considered by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to be a reportable incident due to the potential to cause "Material harm to the environment" (as defined in the Infrastructure Approval). The incident was not reported to DPHI immediately, in accordance with Infrastructure Approval Condition E6.	Recommendation No. 3 (FCWF-IEA2-R3): The proponent should review the incident reporting mechanisms provided in the Compliance Tracking Program and the OEMP to ensure any future incidents of a similar nature are reported to the Department, in accordance with Condition E6.	Non-compliant	The proponent is in the process of updating the compliance tracking program, specifically relating to incident reporting mechanisms to ensure timely reporting of environmental incidents (including notification to the respective regulators).	30/08/2026
F17	The Proponent shall repair all damage to sealed roads during construction. Measures undertaken to restore or reinstate roads affected by the Project shall be undertaken in accordance with the reasonable requirements of the relevant road authority (including timing requirements), and at the full expense of the Proponent. Within three months of completion of construction: (a) the Proponent shall undertake gravel re-sheeting to a minimum depth of 100 mm on all gravel roads used for access during construction. Works shall be completed in accordance with Roads and Maritime Services Specification M220; and (b) a Report shall be prepared to assess any damage to sealed roads that may have resulted from the construction of the Project (including mechanisms to restore any damage) and submitted to the relevant road authority for review.	Concerns were raised with the Auditor from the BSC General Manager regarding works to be completed within 3 months of completion of construction. The Auditor notes that the items described in Condition F17 (a) and (b) were completed within 3 months of completion of construction. Condition F17 requires road works to be completed with the reasonable requirements of BSC, including timing, but does not specify within 3 months of completion of construction. The Auditor further notes that the proponent provided evidence of negotiation between the proponent and Blayney Shire Council regarding road repairs, including face-to-face meetings, fortnightly meetings, emails and site inspections.	Opportunity for Improvement No. 1 (IEA2): Liaise with Blayney Shire Council, including the General Manager, to confirm if there are any outstanding road repair items. In addition, please discuss Council's concerns regarding the removal of the road upgrade treatment for the Errowanbang Road and Mid Western Highway intersection. If any road repair items are still outstanding, they should be expedited as a priority.	Compliant	The proponent is planning to meet (face to face) with Blayney Shire Council General Manager and the Director of Infrastructure Services to discuss the completion of F17 and the rescindment of the Mid Western Highway Intersection.	30/08/2026
G12	As part of the Operation Environmental Management Plan required under condition G11, the Proponent shall prepare and implement a Bushfire Management Plan to detail measures to prevent fires during the operational phase including: (a) work involving risk of ignition that should not be carried out during a total fire ban; (b) availability of fire suppression equipment; (c) storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials; (d) notification of the Canobolas Zone Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre for works proposed to be carried out during high fire danger periods to ensure weather conditions are appropriate; and (e) managing operations to assist bush fire fighting in the vicinity of the wind farm (e.g. potentially switching off turbines)	As part of the Operation Environmental Management Plan required under condition G11, the Proponent shall prepare and implement a Bushfire Management Plan to detail measures to prevent fires during the operational phase including: (a) work involving risk of ignition that should not be carried out during a total fire ban; (b) availability of fire suppression equipment; (c) storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials; (d) notification of the Canobolas Zone Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre for works proposed to be carried out during high fire danger periods to ensure weather conditions are appropriate; and (e) managing operations to assist bush fire fighting in the vicinity of the wind farm (e.g. potentially switching off turbines).	Section 12 of the OEMP discusses the Bushfire Risk Management Plan. A table provides in Section 12.1 cross-references the requirements of this condition with relevant sections of the OEMP, BMP and FERP. Opportunity for Improvement No. 2 (IEA2): During the next OEMP update, please update Section 12 (including table in Section 12.1) for clarity as there are some incorrect references to Appendix H of the FCWF BMP. In addition, please ensure correct naming of the BMP and FERP throughout Section 12 as there are currently different reference names for these plans. It is suggested that the frequency and scope of routine environmental monitoring could also be reviewed during the next OEMP update as the site is now well established and operating in a compliant manner.	Compliant	The proponent has adopted these changes in draft, this changes will be submitted to the department in track changes as part of the annual OEMP review.	30/08/2026