

Our Ref:

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Dear François,

RE: Proposed Tandegin Wind Farm Development Application

Thank you for providing a briefing to the Shire of Merredin Council in relation to the proposed Tandegin Wind Farm Development on 28 April 2026. The "Pre-Development Application" (Pre-DA) documentation has been circulated to Councillors for their comment, together with it being referred to the Shire's contract planner to provide further information. Information pertinent to your proposed application drawn from recent Development Application Panels for similar renewable energy projects has also been provided to support finalisation of the Development Application documents.

Initial comments provided by the Shire's contract planner confirmed the Development Application documentation listed in Part 5 of the Pre-DA documentation will be required. Furthermore, based on feedback from other government agencies and conditions at the recent DAP consideration should also be given to:-

- 1) Bushfire and other risk management plans, which the Shire would forward to the Dept of Fire and Emergency Services for comment.
- 2) Construction Management Plan (CMP), including a transport impact assessment, details showing the proposed interim and longer-term facilities including building/structure setbacks, carparking facility and landscaping/ screening etc.
- 3) Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan to outline the planned works after decommissioning and disposal (including e-waste) of the facility at the end of its operational lifespan will need to be considered. Based on previous applications for renewable energy projects, there has been condition in relation to a preliminary report, and then a final report towards the end of the project.
- 4) In relation to the flora and vegetation surveys, DBCA will likely focus on black cockatoo habitat so please consider this with any initial surveys. Any clearing of vegetation will need to be identified early to be considered within the application.
- 5) Requesting that the Development Approval be valid for a period of four (4) years, which is a more suitable timeframe given the size and scale of this proposal.
- 6) As per our previous email, our planning consultant has suggested extending the special use zone to accurately show the use of the land, together with allowing agricultural activities to continue.

The Councillors understood the need to provide a construction workforce camp to house staff and contractors involved in this project, noting that accommodation options are limited within Merredin and surrounding areas. Preference would be given to locating this within the

Merredin Townsite to provide better support to the local economy. Should the camp component be provided outside of the townsite boundary, we would be looking for a more detailed plan of how the development will support the local economy, provide opportunities for local businesses and how it will minimise the impacts on the general community.

The Shire has previously advised that it intends to apply Shire of Merredin Policy 8.27 - Community Enhancement Fund Policy and is currently liaising with Ms Amy Tropiano in relation to this.

Based on the current planning frameworks, we are assuming that this will be a Development Assessment Panel application. As part of this process, the Shire will be required to advertise the proposal for comments, in addition to referring the application to the relevant authorities, prior to the Responsible Authority Report being provided to the panel. It will not be considered by Council, however two councillors will sit on the Panel.

In relation to the Meteorological Mast, the approval process would be dependent on the size and type of mast being installed, together with the location on which the mast was being installed. As such, it may require advertising and consideration by the Council, which suggests that worst case there would be a determination in 2-3 months. Please note that as this class 10 structure is located outside of a townsite boundary, you will not be required to obtain a building permit for the works. However, it will need to be engineered, installed and anchored to meet the applicable structural standards and prevent failure/collapse.

Should you have any queries with respect to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer on 9041 1611 or via email ceo@merredin.wa.gov.au during normal business hours.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Watts
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