

Rye Park Wind Farm: Independent Environmental Audit (January 2025)

This document represents the response of Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd (the Applicant) to the action items identified by Trigalana in undertaking the independent environmental audit of the Rye Park Wind Farm (the Development) (Section 1) as well as a general response to specific audit findings that have not resulted in any recommendations as part of the audit report (Section 2).

1. Specific Actions

Item No.	Audit Recommendations / Corrective actions against opportunities for improvement	Applicants proposed action and timing	Action status
1	<p>Schedule 3 Condition 19: Restrictions on Clearing and Habitat</p> <p>Non-conformance (self-reported):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “As noted in Condition 5-18, a non-compliance was self reported to DPPI on 13/10/23 relating to a construction related disturbance where temporary access tracks to facilitate the construction of overhead transmission lines and civil works associated with permanent infrastructure have extended outside” 	<p>The Applicant’s contractors check mobile plant for ongoing service compliance through specific and mobile plant HSE Inspections.</p> <p>A register of all clearing activities has been prepared which provides details of the Completed Post Clearance Disturbance totals. The Auditor reviewed the table and notes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 27.82 Ha of Box Gum Woodland (CEEC) including Box Gum derived grassland has been disturbed A total of 65.22 Ha of Golden Sun Moth Habitat has been disturbed The total clearing undertaken is well within the limits prescribed by this condition. <p>RPRE’s ecologists have confirmed that the overall extent of construction related disturbance of the Development, including the Relevant Areas, remains significantly below the level anticipated based on the pre-construction indicative disturbance estimates and the relevant clearing limits under Condition 19 of Schedule 3 to the Development Consent.</p>	Closed
2	<p>Schedule 3 Condition 26: Designated Heavy and Over-Dimensional Vehicle Routes</p> <p>Non-conformance (self-reported):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “A noncompliance was self-reported to DPPI during the audit period regarding a light vehicle accessing and egressing the Rye Park Windfarm via a non-approved access point (Blayne Creek Road South on 31 May 2025, was reported by a member of the public. 	<p>The Applicant’s self-reported the non-conformance during the construction period. Action was taken immediately and closed with the contractor, action included:</p> <p>To prevent future occurrences RPREs contractor have implemented the following actions and preventative measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prestart conducted on 1st June 2023 delivered to sub-contractors containing agenda item relating to approved project access points. Project toolbox conducted on 1st June 2023 delivered to project personnel reinforcing approved project access points and compliance to project conditions. First and final warning issued to the involved sub-contractor. 	Closed

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3	<p>Schedule 5 Condition 17: Access to Information</p> <p>Non-Conformance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Update the website to include the most recent version of the complaints register and keep the register up to date.”</i> 	<p>The Applicant website was being updated and during the transition was not able to update the complaint register. The website transferred has been completed and the latest complaints register has been uploaded. On-going complaints are recorded in the Tilt complaint register and the website is updated at the end of the month after receiving a new complaint.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>