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Rye Park Windfarm - NSW EPBC 2020/8837

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Executive Summary

Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd has been engaged to undertake an independent audit of the Rye Park Windfarm, which consists of the construction and operation of 66 new wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Approval under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) (EPBC 2020/8837)* was granted on 1 June 2021.

The applicant is Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of portfolio of companies that are trading as Tilt Renewables. Tilt Renewables appointed Zenviron to undertake the civil and electrical components of the windfarm including local road upgrades, internal access roads, earthworks, turbine bases, wind turbines transmission lines and substations (TransGrid connection were undertaken by others). These works are now complete, and Vestas have been appointed to manage the operation of the windfarm.

The audit is required by Condition 32A of (*EPBC 2020/8837*) and covers the period from the commencement of the Action on 1 December 2021 to the date of this Audit Report. The Audit has been undertaken in accordance with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (IAARG's), issued by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

The Audit consisted of site inspections undertaken by the Auditor during the early construction and operational phases of the project as well as a review of relevant management plans, project documents and management records.

The findings of the Audit are:

- All operational management plans covering biodiversity offsets, bird and bat and superb parrot management have been prepared and approved by DCCEEW
- Key environmental issues are being managed effectively on site as summarised:
 - Rehabilitation works are now complete providing effective groundcover to prevent soil erosion and dust
 - Erosion and sediment controls are robust and consist of permanent drainage, scour protection, paved and graded internal roads and rumble grids to prevent mud tracking
 - Biodiversity measures include effective weed control, installation of nest boxes and retention of habitat features
 - Operational monitoring for birds and bats is ongoing.
- One noncompliance was identified by the Audit, relating to clearing outside the approved Project area (Condition 6). No additional recommendations are made in relation to the non-compliance.

IAARG Compliance

Table 1 demonstrates how the requirements of the IAARGs have been met in this audit report.

Table 1: IAARG Compliance Table

Section	IAARG	Addressed
Pre- Audit		
5.2	• Nominated Auditor	Section 1.2
	• Auditors' declaration of independence	Appendix A
	• Auditor Approval	Appendix B
	• Development and approval of audit methodology	Section 2
Content of the Audit Report		
6.1	• Details of the Audit	Section 1
	• Name of the Project	Section 1
	• Name of the Project Approval Holder	Section 1
	• Scope of the Audit	Section 1
	• Methods used to assess compliance	Section 2
	• Evidence used to assess compliance	Section 2
6.2	• Certification by the Auditors	Appendix E
6.3	• Executive Summary	Executive Summary
6.4	• Detailed Audit Findings	Section 3 /Appendix D
6.5	• Compliance Findings	Section 3
Appendices		
A	• Auditors Declaration of Independence	Appendix A
B	• Audit Schedule	Appendix C
C	• Audit Report, Auditors Certification	Appendix E

1 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

The Rye Park Wind Farm (the Development) is located to the east of Rye Park, to the north-west of Yass and south-east of Boorowa, in New South Wales (NSW) and is owned by Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd. The Development was approved under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (EPBC 2020/8837) on 1 June 2021 and subsequently modified on 2 May 2024. In addition to the EPBC Approval, several approvals have been issued under NSW Planning and Environmental Legislation as follows:

- Development Consent (SSD 6693) issued under the *NSW Environment Planning and Assessment Act (EPA&A Act) 1979* on 22 May 2017 and modified as follows:
 - Modification 1, granted on the 15/4/21 to increase the tip height of wind turbines
 - Modification 2, granted on the 23/9/22 to amend the development corridor
- An Environment Protection Licence (EPL # 21535) under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, was issued in May 2024.

The main components of the Development are as follows:

- 66 wind turbines, each with a capacity to generate up to approximately 6 MW
- Each turbine consists of three blades mounted on a tubular steel tower, with a combined height of blade and tower limited to a maximum tip height of 200 metres
- Crane hardstand area, and related turbine lay down area
- A new 330kV wind farm collection substation in the northern section of the Project site
- A new 330 kV wind farm connection substation located adjacent to the existing 330kV overhead line in the southern section
- A new 330 kV transmission line in the southern section of the Project site
- A new overhead powerline approximately 30km in length, rated at up to 330 kV (nominal) capacity, running north-south along the length of the wind farm between the two substations
- Underground and overhead 33 kV electrical cabling linking the wind turbines to the on-site Collection substations and connection substation
- Operation and maintenance facility incorporating a control room and equipment storage at the southern section of the Project site
- Access tracks required for each wind turbine and the related ancillary facilities above
- Minor upgrades to local roads, as required for the delivery of the wind turbines
- Two permanent monitoring masts for wind speed verification, weather, and general monitoring purposes. The permanent monitoring masts may be either static guyed or un-guyed structures and will be to a minimum height of the wind turbine hubs (119m).

Construction of the Wind Farm commenced on 1 December 2021 and is now complete. Operations commencing on 10th of October 2024.

The general location of the development is shown on Figure 1.

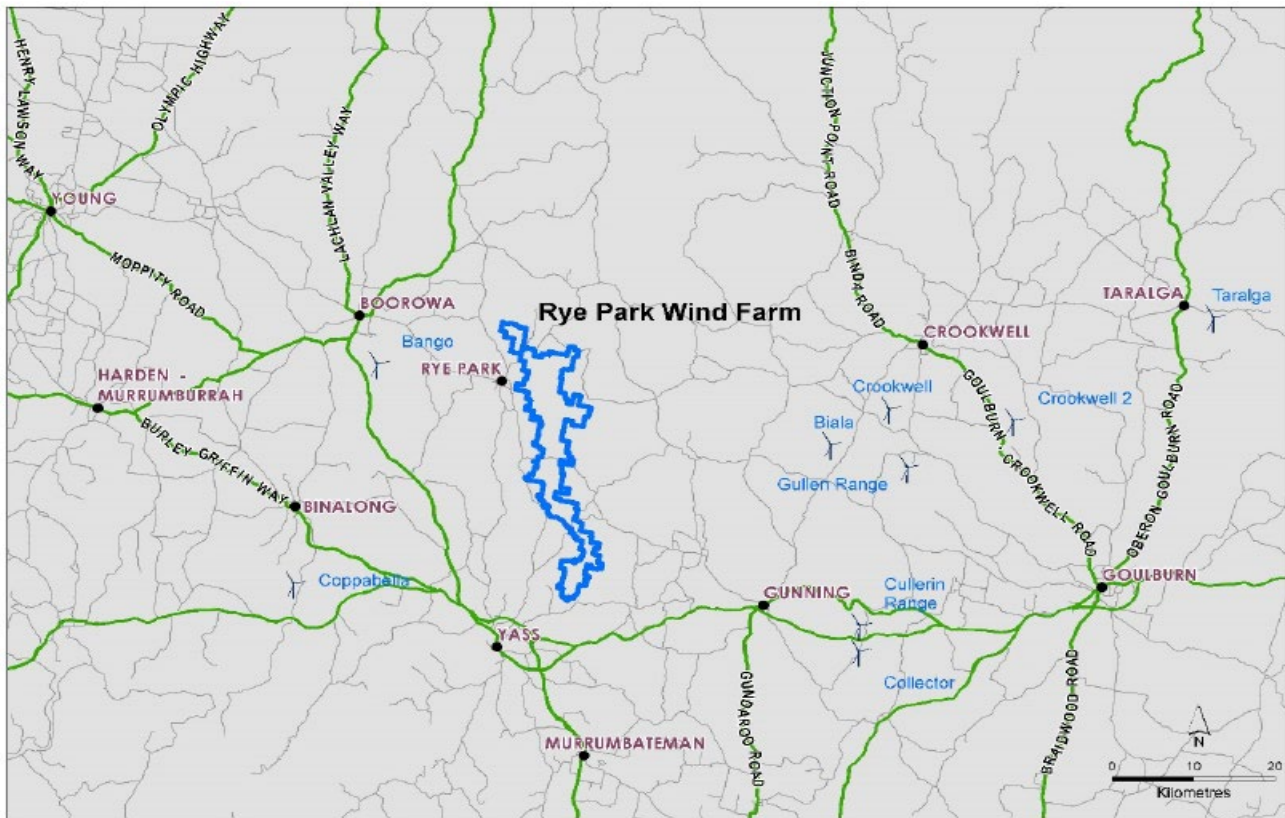


Figure 1: Project Location

1.2 Auditor

Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd has been appointed to undertake this independent environmental audit. The Auditor was approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). Details of the Auditor are provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Auditor Details

Name	Qualifications	Key Experience
Richard Peterson	B. E Civil M. Environmental Management Management Systems Auditing Leading Management Systems Audit teams Exemplar Global Auditor	29 years of environmental management experience in the infrastructure sector. Completed over 100 audits including independent DPE audits for major infrastructure projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crudine Ridge Windfarm • Rye Park Windfarm • Bocco Rock Windfarm • Culcairn Solar Farm • Walla Walla Solar Farm • Sapphire Windfarm • Albion Park Bypass • Northern Road • Tweed Valley Hospital • Windsor Bridge

The DCCEEW letter of approval for the Auditor is provided in Appendix B.

1.3 Audit Objectives

The key objective of the Independent Environmental Audit was to assess compliance of the Project with EPBC Approval 2020/8837 as modified. The audit is to recognise good practices while providing practical and reasonable recommendations for improvement that can be implemented throughout the project's operations

1.4 Audit Scope and Period

This audit has been undertaken in accordance with Conditions 32A – 34 b of EPBC 2020/8837. These conditions are outlined in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Independent Audit – Requirements

Condition Reference	Condition	Comment
32A	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the condition is conducted every five-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires (unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister)	Commencement of the Action (project construction) was on 1 December 2021. Commencement of operations was on 10 October 2024. This Audit has therefore been undertaken within the required timeframe in accordance with this condition.
33	For each independent audit, the approval holder must; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria and proposed timeframe for submitting an audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit; b) Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department; and c) Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria. 	Details of the Auditor were provided to the Department prior to the commencement of this Audit. A copy of the Departments letter of approval is included in Appendix B.
34	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	To be addressed by Tilt Renewables following the completion of this Audit report.
34a	Each audit report must report for the 5-year period preceding that audit report.	This Audit covers the period from the commencement of construction on to the date of this Audit report.
34b	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	This Audit report addresses the requirements of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019. Table 1 provides a cross reference to where in the requirements of the guideline have been addressed.

2 Audit Methodology

2.1 Preliminary

The Audit has been undertaken in accordance with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, DCCEEW, 2019. Following DCCEEW approval for the Auditor on the 18th of March 2025, a detailed methodology and audit criteria was provided to DCCEEW on the 1st of April and subsequently approved on 8th April 2025.

A copy of the letters of approval for the Auditor and the Audit Methodology are provided in Appendix B.

2.2 Scope Development

The audit scope was developed in consideration of:

- Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, DCCEEW, 2019)
- Project Conditions of Approval (EPBC 2020/8837)

2.3 Opening Meeting

The opening meeting was held on 9th of May 2025 and covered the following:

- Audit objectives, scope of the audit
- Audit schedule including any interview requirements with project team members or specialists
- Audit compliance descriptors
- Outline program for completion of the audit and report
- Any other issues or requirements considered essential to the audit.

Attendees at the opening meeting are documented in Table 4.

Table 4: Meeting attendees

Name	Position	Organisation
Daved Owen	Environmental Compliance Manager	Tilt
James Beckett	Planning and Environment Manager	Tilt
Lloyd Townsend	Environmental Compliance Advisor	Tilt
Federica Frew	Community and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor	Tilt
Samantha Mar	Asset Manager	Tilt
Richard Peterson	Auditor	Trigalana

2.4 Audit Verification Methods

Methods for verifying the compliance status of each condition included:

- Desktop review of documents and records relating to each condition
- Observations made during site inspections by the Auditor during the early construction and operational stages
- Audit interview, with key personnel involved with the planning, delivery, communications and environmental management of the project.

2.5 Desktop Document Review

The desktop component of the Audit involved a review of all existing relevant documentation including:

- EPBC Approval (2020/8837) as modified
- Previous Audit reports undertaken in accordance with the NSW Development Consent (at project commencement, during construction and following the commencement of operation)
- Environmental management plans and documents prepared in accordance with the EPBC Approval including:
 - Biodiversity management plan
 - Bird and Bat adaptive management plan
 - Final layout plan
 - Offset strategy
 - Retirement records
 - Superb Parrot population monitoring program
- EPBC Annual Compliance Reports - Years 1 -3
- Incident and noncompliance reports
- Complaints registers
- Any correspondence relevant to the Audit.

2.6 Site Inspections

The Auditor undertook several site inspections during both the early construction stage and operational stages. A summary of the observations made during the site inspections are provided in Section 3.2 with photographs provided in Appendix D.

2.7 Compliance Descriptors

The compliance status of each condition was determined using the relevant descriptors in Table 5. and as described in the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, DCCEEW, 2019

Table 5 Compliance Descriptors

Status	Description
Compliant (Y)	A rating of 'compliance' is given when the auditee has complied with a condition, element of a condition, or measure required by a management plan, report or program etc.
Non- Compliant (N)	A rating of 'non-compliance' is given when the auditee has not met a condition, element of a condition, or measure required by a management plan, report or program etc
Not Applicable (N/A)	A rating of 'not applicable at the time of the audit' is given when the condition or element of a condition falls outside the scope of the audit e.g. if an activity has not yet commenced
Observation (O)	An 'observation' may be made about issues relevant to the protection of a matter of national environmental significance when the issue is not strictly related to compliance or non-compliance with a condition or element of a condition

3 Audit Findings

3.1 Documents Relevant to the Audit

Key documents relevant to the audit include:

- Independent DPE Compliance Audit # 1, SSD 8999, Rye Park Windfarm, Trigalana Environmental, dated 7/4/22
- Rye Park Windfarm, (SSD 6693), Independent Environmental Audit #2, Molino Stewart dated 1/5/23
- Independent DPHI Compliance Audit # 3, SSD 8999, Rye Park Windfarm, Trigalana Environmental, dated 7/4/25
- Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, RPWF-PLN-003 Rev G, dated 26/9/22
- Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Rev 8 dated 15/5/23
- Emergency Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Rev D dated 26/9/22
- Environmental Management Strategy, Rye Park Windfarm, Rev E dated 26/9/22
- Heritage Management Plan, RPWF-PLN-002, Rev G, dated 26/9/22
- Rye Park Windfarm, Noise Management Plan, Rev C, dated 24/4/23
- Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rev 3 dated 22/11/22
- Rye Park Windfarm, Traffic Management Plan, Rev 5, 25/11/22.

In addition to the key documents, supplementary documents were reviewed as they related to each condition of approval. Further details are provided in the Audit Schedule (refer to Appendix C).

3.2 Site Inspections

As noted, the Auditor has undertaken two site inspections during the Audit period (inspections were undertaken for the Independent Audits for the NSW Planning Consent). A summary of observations of those inspections are provided in Table 6, with inspection photographs provided in Appendix D.

Table 6 Auditor Site Observations

Project Phase and Date	Key Observations
Early Construction 25 February 2025	<p>The project was in early stages of development with activities completed or underway including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of external access roads including Boorowa Bypass (which includes Trucking Yard Road, Dillon Street and Long Street) Grassy Creek Road, Rye Park-Boorowa Road • Minor clearing of vegetation for access road upgrades (internal and external to the site) • Establishment of main site compound including hardstand carpark/laydown area site amenities and fencing • Construction of internal access roads • Installation of hardstand stabilised access to work areas • Installation of environmental controls (refer below) <p>Construction of wind turbine bases and mobilisation of turbines had not commenced at the time of the audit.</p> <p>Erosion and sediment controls appeared to be well planned and focussed on key risk areas. Controls installed at the time of the audit included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bitumen sealed access roads (at 3 locations) to provide stabilised access/egress and to prevent mud tracking • Temporary waterway crossing consisting of clean rock and piped drainage to provide adequate cross flow • Sediment fences installed upstream of creeks and culverts • Vegetation protection and retention around waterways • Permanent drainage consisting of rock lined channels to prevent scour • Rock checks and coir logs installed within drainage lines • Sediment basins and fences

Project Phase and Date	Key Observations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockpiles shaped and trimmed • Retention of topsoil for stabilisation • Progressive rehabilitation of exposed areas through re-seeding. • Traffic signage was installed at key access points alerting heavy vehicle drivers to heavy vehicle access restrictions and consequences for non-compliance. Traffic controllers • were operating at local road upgrades to control vehicle movements and ensure public and worker safety • Site Boundary limits were well defined using star pickets • Protected vegetation (no/go) areas were clearly identified in the field with coloured tape • Habitat trees were clearly identified with pink taping with painted letter identifying species (e.g., S – Superb Parrot) • “No Go” signage was installed • Spill control measures were included double skinned fuel tank, spill kits at readily accessible locations. A ventilation and bunded chemical storage container was also provided.
Operational 14 January 2025.	<p>The project was in the operational stage with completed works including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of turbine masts, bases and wind turbines • Construction of internal access roads, permanent drainage, scour protection, culverts and bridges • Heavy patching of local access roads • Establishment of main site compound including hardstand carpark/laydown area site amenities and fencing • Construction of permanent operations buildings • Installation of biodiversity measures such as nestboxes and retained woody debris <p>Erosion and sediment controls appeared to be well planned and focussed on key risk areas. Operational controls installed at the time of the audit included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bitumen sealed access roads to provide stabilised access/egress and to prevent mud tracking • Permanent waterway crossings consisting of clean rock and piped drainage to provide adequate cross flow • Permanent drainage consisting of rock lined channels to prevent scour • Rock checks and installed within drainage lines • Sediment basins and fences • Rehabilitation of exposed areas • Traffic signage was installed at key access points alerting heavy vehicle drivers to heavy vehicle access restrictions and consequences for non-compliance • Turbines and masts were observed to be off white in accordance with the conditions of consent • Evidence of biodiversity measures were observed including nest boxes, retained woody debris and effective weed control • Spill control measures included chemical storage cabinets and spill kits at readily accessible locations • Fire response measures included fire water tanks and fire extinguishers.

3.3 Compliance Performance

A summary of compliance performance is provided in Table 7 Further details of non-compliances, and recommendations are provided in Table 8.

Table 7: Compliance Summary

Schedule	Compliant	Non-Compliant	Not Applicable
Part A – Conditions Specific to the Action			
22	21	1	-
Part B – Administrative Conditions			
14	5	-	9

Table 8: Non compliances, observations and recommendations

Ref	Details of Condition (as summarised)	Finding	Recommendation
6	The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Minister has approved the BMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved BMP.	DCCEEW were notified of a non - compliance with Condition 6 – having regard to all management measures specified in the approved BMP. The noncompliance related to several instances where construction related disturbance has occurred outside the project area as defined in the EPBC approval	No recommendations are made. No further clearing is required for the project and the disturbed area has been rehabilitated.

Appendix A Auditors Declaration of Independence

Auditors Declaration of Independence

Auditor's name, position, company and contact details:

Richard Jeffrey Peterson,
Director, Trigalana Environmental, Pty Ltd
E: Richard.Peterson-trigalana-outlook.com.au

Auditor's qualifications and/or experience:

B.E Civil, M Environmental Engineering Management
Certified Lead Auditor, Exemplar Global Certificate Number 120416

Auditor's declaration:

I, Richard Jeffrey Peterson, of Trigalana Environmental, Pty Ltd, 3 Trigalana Place French's Forest, declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I and my organisation do not have any conflicting or competing interests with:

The Auditee, Tilit Renewables, the Auditee's staff or representatives or other persons associated with the Auditee, including any personal, financial, business or employment relationship, except to the extent detailed below.

I shall notify the Department of the Environment within seven days of any change in these circumstances or any other change that may affect my independent status.

I shall at all times observe any professional code of conduct and/or ethics applicable to undertaking audits (i.e. – as prescribed by the agency with which I hold accreditation/membership). I take full responsibility for any factual inaccuracy or mistake made in giving this declaration, particularly to the extent that others rely upon the truth of this declaration. I acknowledge that the Department of the Environment may request further information to verify my independence at any time.

Details of any personal, financial, business or employment relationship with the Auditee, the Auditee's staff, representatives or associated persons. (This is in the context of both the person making the declaration and the organisation that they are employed by – specify 'nil' if none):

NIL

Details of audit qualifications and professional accreditations/memberships. (Include copies of current audit qualifications and current professional accreditations/memberships):

Exemplar Global Lead Auditor Certification, Environmental Management Systems Auditor, Certificate Number 120416, dated 19/2/23

In making this declaration, I am aware that section 491 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) makes it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents to specified persons who are known to be performing a duty or carrying out a function under the EPBC Act or the regulations. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, a fine not more than 60 penalty units, or both. An extract of section 491 of the EPBC Act is attached

Signed

Full Name

Richard Jeffrey Peterson

Organisation

Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd

Date

June 2025

Appendix B DCCEEW Approvals for Auditor and Methodology

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Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Our ref: EPBC 2020/8837

James Beckett
Manager, Planning and Environment
Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd
L24/600 Bourke Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear James

Approval of Independent Auditor - Rye Park Wind Farm, NSW EPBC 2020/8837

I refer to your correspondence dated 13 March 2025, nominating an independent auditor from Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd for the independent audit of compliance with approval conditions for the Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837).

The Rye Park Wind Farm was approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 1 June 2021.

I approve the nominated auditor from Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd to conduct the independent audit required under condition 32 of the EPBC 2020/8837 approval. I request that you submit the proposed audit criteria to the us by no later than 20 business days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Keith Horwood at audit@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Thomas Long
Director Environmental Audit
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
18 March 2025

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Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Our ref: EPBC 2020/8837

James Beckett
Manager, Planning and Environment
Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd
L24/600 Bourke Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear James

Approval of Audit Criteria and Methodology – Rye Park Wind Farm, NSW EPBC 2020/8837

I refer to the correspondence dated 1 April 2025 from the approved independent auditor, submitting the audit criteria for the Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 1 June 2021.

I approve the audit criteria prepared by Trigalana Environmental Pty Ltd, and request that you submit the independent audit report to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water by no later than 24 June 2025. I look forward to receiving a copy of the audit report.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Keith Horwood at audit@dcceew.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Thomas Long
Director Environmental Audit
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
8 April 2025

Appendix C Audit Schedule

ID	Approval Condition	Documents Sighted	Determination	Compliance Finding
1	The approval holder must not construct more than 77 wind turbines. The approval holder must not construct outside the project area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Interview, 14/1/25 Revised Pre-Construction Final Layout – Wind Turbine GPS Coordinates, September 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Revised Final Pre-construction Layout Plan. 	The Auditor reviewed the plans provided on the project website which documents a total of 66 turbines being constructed. This was confirmed during the audit interview and through the review of notifications to CASA.	Compliant
2	The approval holder must not clear within the project area, except;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	As noted in the Auditors response to conditions 2b and 3 below, clearing limits within the project area have been achieved.	Compliant
2 a)	Within the area labelled as 'Project area – Road Upgrades' as shown on the maps in Appendix A and Appendix B;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	As noted in the Auditors response to conditions 2b and 3 below, clearing limits within the project area have been achieved.	Compliant
2 b)	HBT's unless the Offset Strategy required under condition 13 has been approved by the Minister.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of 	The Year 3 Annual report notes that a total of 32 HBT's were disturbed (201 less than the allowable limit), as noted in 3 c).	Compliant

ID	Approval Condition	Documents Sighted	Determination	Compliance Finding
		<p>the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 		
3	The approval holder must not clear more than:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 Letter from DPHI to TILT titled "Rye Park Windfarm – clearing outside development footprint" dated 29/11/23 	At the time of the Audit, all clearing activities have been completed. 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:	Compliant
3 a)	35.73 ha of Box Gum Woodland;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 	A total of 27.82 Ha of Box Gum Woodland (CEEC) including Box Gum derived grassland has been disturbed	Compliant
3 b)	20.08 ha of the Superb Parrot habitat;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan 	A total of 15.88 Ha of Superb parrot habitat has been disturbed	Compliant

ID	Approval Condition	Documents Sighted	Determination	Compliance Finding
		(RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23		
3 c)	233 HBTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	The Year 3 Annual report notes that a total of 32 HBT's were disturbed (201 less than the allowable limit)	Compliant
3 d)	85.28 ha Golden Sun Moth habitat; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 	A total of 65.22 Ha of Golden Sun Moth Habitat has been disturbed	Compliant
3 e)	43.28 ha of Striped Legless Lizard habitat Within project area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm, Final Disturbance Analysis in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Rye Park Wind Farm Biodiversity Management Plan (RPWF-PLN-0003) dated 10/10/23 	A total of 37.57 Ha of Striped legless lizard habitat has been disturbed	Compliant

ID	Approval Condition	Documents Sighted	Determination	Compliance Finding
4	The approval holder must not clear any confirmed Superb Parrot nest trees within the project area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	<p>The EPBC Compliance Report # 3 notes the following:</p> <p><i>Project inspections and the final disturbance areas that form part of the completed layout plans required by Condition 15 of the EPBC Approval confirm that no confirmed Superb Parrot nests have been impacted by the Action</i></p>	Compliant
5	To mitigate unavoidable impacts to protected matters, the approval holder must submit a Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for the Minister's approval prior to the commencement of the Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision F dated 25/10/21 Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision F dated 25/10/21 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Wind Farm – Biodiversity Management Plan" dated 4/11/21 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Windfarm – Revised Management Plans" dated 14/11/22 	<p>Revision F of the Biodiversity Management Plan was prepared and approved by DCCEEW on the 4/11/21. Commencement of the Action was on 1 December 2021.</p> <p>During the Audit period the BMP was revised to address the scope of works associated with Modification 2 (NSW Planning Consent SSD 6693-MOD 2) and upgrades to Cooks Hill Road. The revised BMP (Revision G) was approved by DCCEEW on the 14/11/22</p>	Compliant
6	The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Minister has approved the BMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved BMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision F dated 25/10/21 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Wind Farm – Biodiversity Management Plan" dated 4/11/21 Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm 	<p>Revision F of the Biodiversity Management Plan was prepared and approved by DCCEEW on the 4/11/21. Commencement of the Action was on 1 December 2021.</p> <p>DCCEEW were notified of a non - compliance with Condition 6 – having regard to all management measures specified in the approved BMP. The noncompliance related to several instances where construction related disturbance has occurred outside the project area as defined in the EPBC approval.</p>	Non-Compliant

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		Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area” dated 13/10/23		
7	The BMP must be consistent with the department’s Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, Version 1.2, dated 2024 	The BMP is generally consistent with the DCCEE Environmental Management Plan Guidelines.	Compliant
7 a)	The BMP environmental objectives, relevant protected matters and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the BMP refers;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 1.4 and Table 1.3 of the BMP	Compliant
7 b)	A table of commitments made in the BMP to achieve the objectives and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the BMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 1.2 and Appendix G of the BMP.	Compliant
7 c)	Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the BMP;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Sections 7.2,7.3 and Section 8 of the BMP.	Complaint
7 d)	An assessment of risks to achieving the BMP environmental objectives and strategies that will be applied to manage risks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 1.5 and Appendix E of the BMP	Compliant
7 e)	Impact avoidance, mitigation and/ or repair measures, and their timing, including;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G 	Addressed in Appendix E and Section 5.1.3 of the BMP	Compliant

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		dated 26/9/22		
7 e i)	Details of pre-clearance surveys;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.1.3 and Appendix E of the BMP	Compliant
7 e ii)	Rehabilitation and revegetation measures;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.3 of the BMP	Compliant
7 e iii)	Erosion and sediment control measures;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.6.1 of the BMP	Compliant
7 e iv)	Weed management measures;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.1.3 and Table 5-5 of the BMP	Compliant
7 e v)	Management measures to prevent the introduction or spread of <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Table 5-5 of the BMP	Compliant
7 e vi)	Measures to protect retained Superb Parrot nest trees;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.1.3 and Table 5.3	Compliant
7 e vii)	Details of buffer zones or 'no-go zones' within the project area;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 5.1.3 and Table 5.3	Compliant
7 f)	A monitoring program, which must include;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G 	Refer to responses below	Compliant

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7 f i)	Measurable performance indicators;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 7.1 of the BMP	Compliant
7 f ii)	The timing and frequency of monitoring to detect triggers and changes in the performance indicators;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Section 7.1 of the BMP	Compliant
7 f iii)	Trigger values for corrective actions; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Table 7-1 of the BMP	Compliant
7 f iv)	Proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Table 7-1 of the BMP	Compliant
7 g)	A protocol for clearing HBT's to prevent harm or injury to any EPBC Act listed threatened species; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Sections 5.12, 5.13, and 5.14 of the CEMP	Compliant
7 h)	Any links to other plans or conditions of approval (including State approval conditions).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Management Plan, Rye Park Windfarm, Revision G dated 26/9/22 	Addressed in Table 1-1 and 1-2	Compliant
8	To minimise impacts to the EPBC Act listed as a bat species during commissioning and operation of the wind farm, the approval holder must submit a Bird and Bat Adaptive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	The Bird and Bat Management Plan was approved by DEECCW on 8/8/23 prior to the commencement of commissioning.	Compliant

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	Management Plan (BBAMP) for the Minister's approval prior to the commencement of commissioning. The BBAMP must ensure that the commissioning the operation of wind turbines is managed, monitored and limited such that impacts to EPBC Act listed bird and bat species are reliably detected, quantified, reported and responded to.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, titled "Approval of Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan for Rye Park Wind farm" dated 8/8/23 		
9	The approval holder must not commence commissioning unless the Minister has approved the BBAMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved BBAMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, dated 8/8/23 	The Bird and Bat Management Plan was approved by DCCEEW on 8/8/23 prior to the commencement of commissioning.	Compliant
10	The BBAMP must be consistent with the department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, Version 1.2, dated 2024 	The BBAMP is generally consistent with the DCCEEW Environmental Management Plan Guidelines.	Compliant
10 a)	The environmental objectives of the BBAMP, relevant EPBC Act protected matters and a reference to where each relevant EPBC Act approval condition is addressed in the BBAMP;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 2.0, Tables 2 and 3 of the BBAMP.	Compliant
10 b)	A table of commitments made in the BBAMP to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the BBAMP;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 2.0, Table 4 of the BBAMP.	Compliant

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10 c)	An assessment of risks to achieving the BBAMP environmental objectives and strategies that will be applied to manage risks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 2.0 of the BBAMP.	Compliant
10 d)	A proposed program of monitoring to detect or reliably estimate all collisions with EPBC Act listed bird and bat species. The approval holder must provide evidence that the proposed methods, frequency and timing of monitoring will provide statistically reliable detection or reliable estimates of all collisions with the EPBC Act listed bird and bat species. The monitoring program must specify;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Sections 5.0 – Tables 9 and 10.	Compliant
10 d i)	Measurable performance indicators;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 8 and Table 13.	Compliant
10 d ii)	Triggers for corrective actions;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 6.0 of the BBAMP	Compliant
10 d iii)	The timing and frequency of monitoring to detect triggers and changes in the performance indicators;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 6.0 of the BBAMP	Compliant

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10 d iv)	Mortality monitoring, including carcass searches, carcass persistence trials and scavenger trials methodologies;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 5.5-5.6 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 d v)	Proposed corrective actions if triggers are reached, including, but not limited to, ceasing operation to specific wind turbines;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Sections 6.1.2, 6.2.2 and 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 e)	Measures, and their timing, to avoid and mitigate impacts, including but not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 e i)	Measures to minimise impacts associated with lighting (such as preventing the attraction of EPBC Act listed bird and bat species to locations with high risk of collision with turbines);	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 e ii)	Measures to minimise the risks to EPBC Act listed bird and bat species from turbine strike (such as bird and insect deterrents, low wind speed curtailment, ceasing operation of specific wind turbines during specific times, and/ or permanent decommissioning of specific turbines); and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 e iii)	Procedures for dealing with any EPBC Act listed bird and bat species that require relocation or are injured within the project area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant

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10 f)	How the effectiveness of mitigation measures will be monitored and analysed, and decisions made regarding adaptive measures to achieve the environmental objectives of the BBAMP;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 8.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 g)	Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the BBAMP. This must include how monitoring data and analysis of monitoring results will be reported and published, and a procedure for reporting the death or injury of any EPBC Act listed bird and bat species to the department;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 6.1 and 8.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
10 h)	A proposal for how any residual significant impact to the EPBC Act listed bird and bat species will be offset by the approval holder in accordance with the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 7.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
11	The approval holder must provide an evaluation, prepared by a suitably qualified person, of the effectiveness of the measures implemented to avoid and mitigate impacts to EPBC Act listed bird and bat species within the project area from turbine strike, and report against triggers for corrective actions, in each compliance report required under condition 29.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan, Revision 8 dated 15/3/23 	Addressed in Section 8.0 of the BBMP	Compliant
12	To compensate for impacts to protected matters, prior to commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit to the Minister detailed plans of the final layout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Pre- Construction Final Layout – Wind Turbine GPS Coordinates, dated September 2022 	The latest version of the Strategy was updated to reflect variation to the EPBC Approval	Compliant

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13	Prior to the commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit to the Minister an Offset Strategy for Approval by the Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 2 dated 8/11/21 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "Approval of t Offset Strategy" dated 12/11/21 Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "Approval of the revised Rye Park Windfarm Biodiversity Offset Strategy and revised Superb Parrot Research Plan for Rye Park Windfarm" dated 1/4/25 	Revision 2 of the Offset Strategy approved by DCCEEW on the 12/11/21. Commencement of the Action was on 1 December 2021.	Compliant
14	The Offset Strategy must be prepared by a suitably qualified expert(s), and must:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Appendix A of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy provides the CVs of the authors of the Biodiversity Offset strategy as well as the certificate of accreditation of the Biodiversity Assessment Method Assessor.	Compliant
14 a)	Be based on the areas of habitat for protected matters, including HBT's, to be impacted in the final layout purpose offsets to compensate for impacts to;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Compliant
14 a i)	Box Gum Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Compliant

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14 a ii)	Superb Parrot habitat, including HBT's;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Compliant
14 a iii)	Golden Sun Moth habitat; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Compliant
14 a iv)	Striped Legless Lizard habitat in accordance with clauses 6.2 and 6.6A of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017 (NSW); and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy	Compliant
14 b)	Provide the Biodiversity Assessment Method credit calculations used to determine the required number of like-for-like biodiversity credits to be retired to compensate for impacts to protected matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Biodiversity Offset Strategy, EPBC 2020/8837 (Condition 13-14), Revision 5 dated 26/3/25 	Addressed in Section 4.0 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy with full details provided in Appendix D.	Compliant
15	Prior to the commencement of operation, the approval holder must submit to the Minister detailed plans of the completed layout. If impacts to protected matters from the completed layout are more than those proposed in the final layout, the approval holder must submit, for approval by the Minister, a version of the Offset Strategy revised to compensate for impacts to protected matters from the action. The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project, (EPBC) 2020/8837): Submission of Completed Layout" dated 27/10/23 	<p>Completed layouts were provided to DCCEEW on the 27th of October 2023. Operation commenced on the 10th of October 2024.</p> <p>The submission to DCCEEW noted that the completed layout has not increased impacts relevant to the final layout area and the final impact of the Project has been significantly reduced compared to the initial estimated impacts of the relevant matters of National Environmental Significance and relevant clearing limits in Condition 3 of the EPBC Approval.</p>	Compliant

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	approval holder must not commence operation unless the Minister has either confirmed that the completed layout has not increased impacts relative to the final layout or approved the revised Offset Strategy in writing.			
16	The approval holder must retire for like-for-like biodiversity credits, as required in the approved Offset Strategy by 1 October 2024. If all like-for-like biodiversity credits required in the approved Offset Strategy have not been retired by 1 October 2024, the approval holder must prevent any rotation of wind turbine blades from 2 October 2024 until all like-for-like biodiversity credits required in the approved Offset Strategy have been retired.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Confirmation of Like for Like Biodiversity Credit Retirement" dated 28/5/24 BCT Statement confirming payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund for an offset obligation" dated 16/9/22 	<p>DCCEEW were notified on the 28th of May 2024 that the relevant biodiversity credits relevant to the Developments liability have been retired in a combination of both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Biodiversity Stewardship agreements Transfer of biodiversity credits from third party BSA and subsequent retirement against the development Payment into the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Fund <p>DCCEEW were provided with a copy of Section 6.33 certificates confirming payment into the BCF.</p>	Compliant
17	Within 5 business days of completing the requirements of condition 16, the approval holder must provide the department with evidence of when and how the like-for-like biodiversity credits were retired.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Confirmation of Like for Like Biodiversity Credit Retirement" dated 28/5/24 	<p>DCCEEW were notified on the 28th of May 2024 that the relevant biodiversity credits relevant to the Developments liability have been retired in a combination of both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Biodiversity Stewardship agreements Transfer of biodiversity credits from third party BSA and subsequent retirement against the development Payment into the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Fund <p>DCCEEW were provided with a copy of Section 6.33 certificates confirming payment into the BCF.</p>	Compliant
18	To compensate for potential cumulative impacts of the Superb Parrot, the approval holder must prepare and implement a Superb Parrot Population Monitoring Program (SPPMP). The SPPMP must be submitted to the minister for approval prior to commencement of commissioning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from DCCEEW (Migratory Species Section) titled "Superb Parrot Research Plan Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "Approval of the revised Rye Park Windfarm Biodiversity Offset Strategy and revised Superb Parrot Research 	<p>The Superb Parrot Research Plan was approved by DCCEEW on 1/12/22.</p> <p>DCCEEW were formally notified on 23 July 2023 that commissioning commenced on 20 July 2023.</p>	Compliant

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		<p>Plan for Rye Park Windfarm" dated 1/4/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Windfarm – Superb Parrot Research Plan", dated 1/12/22 Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 		
19	The approval holder must not commence commissioning unless the Minister has approved the SPPMP. The approval holder must implement the approved SPPMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Version 3 dated 22/11/22 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Windfarm – Superb Parrot Research Plan", dated 1/12/22 Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm – EPBC 2020/8837: Notification of the Commencement of Commissioning under Condition 23 (b)" dated 23/7/23 Letter from DCCEEW to Tilt Renewables titled "Approval of the revised Rye Park Windfarm Biodiversity Offset Strategy and revised Superb Parrot Research Plan for Rye Park Windfarm" dated 1/4/25 	<p>The Superb Parrot Research Plan was approved by DCCEEW on 1/12/22.</p> <p>DCCEEW were formally notified on 23 July 2023 that commissioning commenced on 20 July 2023.</p>	Compliant

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20	The implementation of the SPPMP must increase contemporary knowledge of the Superb Parrot habitat use and breeding ecology within the South-West Slopes of NSW Important Bird Area, with a focus on identification of key breeding sites, and a better understanding of local movement patterns during the breeding season and landscape scale movements between the key breeding areas and winter foraging grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Sections 3 and 5 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
21	The SPPMP must support the recovery objectives and actions described in the National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot (<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>). The SPPMP must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Section 4 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
21 a)	Specific conservation research and monitoring objectives and proposed activities, additional to any required under the approved BBAMP, to achieve the objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Section 5 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
21 b)	Proposed timing, effort and expertise required for each activity;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Section 5 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
21 c)	Nomination of suitably qualified persons or organisations responsible for carrying out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 	Addressed in Section 6 of the SPPMP.	Compliant

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	the activities;	2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25		
21 d)	Commitments for the provision and timing of funding; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Section 7 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
21 e)	Mechanisms to ensure that knowledge and information gained from the SPPMP is easily accessible and can be used by the department, the general public and the scientific community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superb Parrot Research Plan, Rye Park Wind Farm (EPBC 2020/8837), Prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service on Behalf of the National Superb Parrot Recovery Team, rev 4 dated 16/1/25 	Addressed in Section 8 of the SPPMP.	Compliant
22	The approval holder must provide \$250,000 over three (3) years, indexed in line with CPI for each year on the date of this approval, to fund the conservation research activities specified in the approved SPPMP. The contributions are to be made as specified in the table below. The first contribution must be made prior to the commencement of commissioning, and no later than 30 June 2023. Subsequent annual contributions must be made within 20 business days of the anniversary of the date of the first contribution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipient Created Tax Invoice – Tilt Renewables dated 23/3/23 Recipient Created Tax Invoice – Tilt Renewables dated 4/3/24 Recipient Created Tax Invoice – Tilt Renewables dated 19/3/24 	<p>Receipts were provided to the Auditor for the following payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$87,780 (23 March 2023) \$102, 522.64 (4 March 2024) \$92,783.46 (19 March 2024). <p>The total amount paid into the fund is \$283,086.10.</p>	Compliant

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Part B – Administrative Conditions				
Commencement of the Action				
23	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of:			
23 a)	The date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled “Rye Park Windfarm – EPBC 2020/8837 Notification of the Commencement of Action (Condition 23 a), dated 16/11/21 	Tilt Renewables formally notified DCCEEW of the commencement of the Action on 16/11/21 with the action commencing on the same day as the notification.	Compliant
23 b)	The date of commencement of commissioning within 10 business days after the date of commencement of commissioning;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled “Rye Park Windfarm – EPBC 2020/8837: Notification of the Commencement of Commissioning under Condition 23 (b)” dated 23/7/23 	DCCEEW were formally notified on 23 July 2023 that commissioning commenced on 20 July 2023. The notification was within the 10-day timeframe as required by this condition.	Compliant
23 c)	The date of commencement of operation within 10 business days after the date of commencement of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled “Rye Park Windfarm – EPBC 2020/8837: Notification of the Commencement of Operation under Condition 23 (b)” dated 23/7/23 	DCCEEW were formally notified on 10 October 2024 that operation commenced on 10 October 2024. The notification was within the 10-day timeframe as required by this condition.	Compliant
24	If the commencement of the action does not occur within five (5) years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without prior written agreement of the Minister.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPBC Approval, (2020/8837) dated 1/6/2021 	The Initial EPBC approval was provided in June 2021. Construction commenced within 5 years of the date of this approval.	Compliant

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Compliance Reports				
25	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records presented to the Auditor for this and other audits 	Accurate compliance records were retained by Tilt Renewables.	Compliant
26	<p>If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.</p> <p>Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Annual Compliance reports confirm the department has not made a request in writing for Tilt Renewables to provide electronic copies of compliance records.	Not applicable
Submission and Publication of Plans				
27	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Annual Compliance reports confirm plans were submitted electronically.	Compliant
27 a)	The approval holder must keep all plans required by these conditions published on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm - Project Approvals and Applications Tilt Renewables 	The Project website is up to date and includes copies of up-to-date versions of the management plans required by these conditions.	Compliant

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27 b)	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Tilt Renewables noted that there has not been a requirement to redact any sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website.	Not Applicable
28	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps and other spatial and metadata required under a plan, are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Annual Compliance reports and letters of approval for the various management plans confirm compliance with the requirements of this condition.	Compliant
28 a)	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Annual Compliance reports and letters of approval for the various management plans confirm compliance with the requirements of this condition.	Compliant
28 b)	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 	Annual Compliance reports and letters of approval for the various management plans confirm compliance with the requirements of this condition.	Compliant

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	department in accordance with the requirements of the plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 		
Annual Compliance Reporting				
29	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of commencement of the action, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2022 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Annual compliance reports have been prepared and were available on the Project website.	Compliant
29 a)	Publish each compliance report on the website within 20 business days following the relevant 12-month period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 Rye Park Wind Farm - Project Approvals and Applications Tilt Renewables 	Annual compliance reports were available on the Project website.	Compliant
29 b)	Notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within five (5) business days of the publication;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Wind Farm – Publication of Compliance Report (Year 1) dated 23/1/23 Email from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "EPBC 2020/8837: 	Emails were issued to the Department advising the publication of reports for years 1, 2 and 3 on the project website with a link to the reports provided.	Compliant

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		<p>Rye Park Wind Farm – Publication of Compliance Report (Year 2) dated 19/3/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled “EPBC 2020/8837: Rye Park Wind Farm – Publication of Compliance Report (Year 3) dated 13/12/24 		
29 c)	Keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Wind Farm - Project Approvals and Applications Tilt Renewables 	Compliance reports were publicly available on the project website.	Compliant
29 d)	Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 Rye Park Wind Farm - Project Approvals and Applications Tilt Renewables 	Tilt Renewables noted that there has not been a requirement to redact any sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website.	Not Applicable
29 e)	Where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the department within five (5) business days of publication. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 Rye Park Wind Farm - Project Approvals and Applications Tilt Renewables 	Tilt Renewables noted that there has not been a requirement to redact any sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website.	Not Applicable

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		Renewables		
29 A	Each compliance report must be consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Reporting Under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	The Annual Compliance reports are generally consistent with the Commonwealth Guidelines.	Compliant
29 B	Each compliance report must include accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Compliant as noted below.	Compliant
29 B a i)	Each condition attached to this approval decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 	Table 1 (Section 3) of each Annual Report documents each condition attached approval condition and details of compliance.	Compliant

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		Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024		
29 B a ii)	If any incident occurred, each incident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Section 4 of the Annual reports provides details of each incident.	Compliant
29 B b)	One or more shapefile(s) showing all clearing of protected matters and/ or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 Email from 	A shapefile was provided to DEECCW in relation to the incident reported to DEECCW on 13/10/23.	Compliant
29 c)	A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye Park Windfarm, Year 1 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), January 2023 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 2 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), February 2024 Rye Park Windfarm, Year 3 Compliance Report (EPBC 2020/8837), November 2024 	Section 5 of each compliance report includes the details of each plan and their implementation status.	Compliant

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Reporting Non-Compliance				
30	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any incident non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two (2) business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	DCCEEW were notified of a non - compliance with Condition 6 – having regard to all management measures specified in the approved BMP. The noncompliance related to a number of instances where construction related disturbance has occurred outside the project area as defined in the EPBC approval.	Compliant
30 a)	Any condition or commitment made in a plan which is or may be in breach;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	The letter to DCCEEW on 13/10/23 notes noncompliance with condition 6.	Compliant
30 b)	A short description of the incident and/ or potential non-compliance and/ or actual non-compliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	The letter to DCCEEW on 13/10/23 includes a description of the non-compliance.	Compliant
30 c)	The location (including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident and/ or potential non-compliance and/ or actual non-compliance. <i>Note: in the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	Attachment 1: Description of relevant areas provides details of each disturbed area along with GPS coordinates.	Compliant
31	The approval holder must provide to the department the details of any incident and/ or potential non-compliance and/ or actual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of 	DCCEEW were notified of the potential noncompliance on 13/10/23.	Compliant

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	non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of incident or non-compliance, specifying:	Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23		
31 a)	The potential harm caused by the incident or potential non-compliance or actual non-compliance; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	Table 1 of the letter to DCCEEW notes the potential disturbance of the final construction footprint in relation to the overall clearing disturbance.,	Compliant
31 b)	The method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	The letter to DCCEEW notes remedial actions as progressive rehabilitation of areas no longer required for relevant works including the relevant areas, is now well advanced across the Project.	Compliant
31 c)	Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt to DCCEEW titled "Rye Park Windfarm Project (EPBC 2020/8837): Notification of Disturbance Outside Defined Project Area" dated 13/10/23 	The letter to DCCEEW notes further surveys and actions to be taken in relation to the non compliance.	Compliant
Independent Audit				
32	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Audit report Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd titled "Tye Park Wind Farm, NSW EPBC 2020/8837" dated 23/1/25 	This Audit fulfills the requirements of this condition and has been undertaken within the required timeframe.	Compliant
32A	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the condition is conducted every five-year period following the commencement of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Audit report Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd titled "Tye Park Wind Farm, NSW EPBC 	This Audit fulfills the requirements of this condition and has been undertaken within the required timeframe.	Compliant

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	Action until this approval expires (unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister).	2020/8837" dated 23/1/25		
33	For each independent audit, the approval holder must;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer below 	Refer below	Compliant
33 a)	Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria and proposed timeframe for submitting an audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent DCCEEW Compliance Audit – Methodology, Rye Park Windfarm, NSW EPBC 2020/8837, Trigalana Environmental, 1/4/25 Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd" dated 18/3/25 Email from Trigalana Environment to DCCEEW titled "EPBC 2020 8837 – Audit Criteria and Methodology (Rye Park Windfarm" dated 1/4/25 Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, dated 8/4/25 	<p>Details of the Auditor were provided to DCCEEW on 13/3/25 and the Auditor approved on 18/3/25.</p> <p>The draft audit criteria and audit timeframe were issued to DCCEEW on 1/4/25 and approved on 8/4/25.</p>	Compliant
33 b)	Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from DCCEEW to Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, dated 8/4/25 	The Audit commenced following approval of the nominated Auditor and the Audit methodology.	Compliant
33 c)	Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	To be completed following the finalisation of this audit report.	Not Applicable
34	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	To be completed following the finalisation of this audit report.	Not Applicable

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	published on the website until the end date of this approval.			
34 A	Each audit report must report for the 5-year period preceding that audit report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Audit report 	This Audit covers the period from the commencement of the Audit action until the date of this Audit.	Compliant
34 B	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Audit Report Environment Protection and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2019. 	The Audit report has been prepared in accordance with the DCCEEW guideline and will be submitted to the Minister for their review following its completion.	Not Applicable
35	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister under conditions 5, 8 and 13 or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the revised action management plan in place of the previous action management plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Tilt Renewables to DCCEEW titled "EPBC Approval 2020/8837: Rye Park Windfarm – Requests for Conditions to be Varied" dated 31/5/22 	An application to the Minister was submitted on the 31/5/25 to vary the conditions of consent to vary the "Project Area" in the EPBC Approval. The modification to the Approval was issued by DCCEEW on the 2 nd of May 2024.	Compliant
35 A	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCCEEW Approval, Rye Park Wind Farm, Rye Park, NSW EPBC 2020/8837) dated 2/5/24 	The current version of the EPBC Approval does not nominate an expiry date.	Not Applicable

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36	Within 20 business days after the completion of the action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCCEEW Approval, Rye Park Wind Farm, Rye Park, NSW EPBC 2020/8837) dated 2/5/24 	The current version of the EPBC Approval does not nominate an expiry date. The action has only recently commenced and is not complete.	Not Applicable

Appendix D Site Photographs

Site Inspection 25 February 2022 (Early Construction Phase)



Photo 1: Main site entrance and permanent drainage



Photo 2: Erosion and Sediment Control, drainage protection



Photo 3: Erosion and sediment control, progressive installation



Photo 4: Native vegetation, no go signage



Photo 5: Clearing "No Go" Zones



Photo 6: Superb Parrot - Habitat protection

Site Inspection 14 January 2025 (Operational Phase)



Photo 7: Completed rehabilitation, turbines and drainage



Photo 8: Completed rehabilitation works



Photo 9: Rock check sediment controls and sealed access road



Photo 10: Permanent drainage and rehabilitation



Photo 11: Retained woody debris (habitat feature)



Photo 12: Stabilised site access and rumble grid



Photo 13: Graded internal access road and rehabilitation



Photo 14: Weed management (example)



Photo 15: Upgraded bridge and waterway scour protection



Photo 16: Nestbox installation

Appendix E Auditor's Certification

Auditors Certification

Auditor's name, position, company and contact details:

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Auditor's declaration:

I, Richard Jeffrey Peterson,
For environmental audits that are required by a condition of an Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) approval I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in the audit report attached to this audit certification statement is true, correct and complete.
I am aware that section 491 of the EPBC Act makes it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents to specified persons who are known to be performing a duty or carrying out a function under the EPBC Act or the regulations. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, a fine not more than 60 penalty units, or both.
For directed environmental audits that are required pursuant to section 458 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in the audit report attached to this audit certification statement is true, correct and complete.
I am aware that section 461(4) of the EPBC Act makes it an offence in certain circumstances for an environmental auditor to include a statement in an audit report that is false or misleading in a material particular. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.

Signature:

Date:

May 2025

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