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**Robbins Island Renewable Energy Park (2017/8096)
Variation Request – September 2019**

Dear [REDACTED]

The Robbins Island Renewable Energy Park (the Project) was referred to the Department in November 2017. The Project was determined to be a controlled action (2017/8065) requiring assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). It was determined that the proposed action will have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on the following matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act:

- Listed threatened species and communities (Section 18 and 18A)
- Listed migratory species (Section 20 and 20A)

The proponent elected to undertake a bilateral assessment with the Tasmania Government. At a State level the Project is being assessed as a class 2C project under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

This variation has two components, a change to Project Description for clarity and a variation of the project site boundary (and subsequently the land titles on which the project will occur).

1.0 Project Description Clarification

UPC Renewables seeks to clarify the description of the Robbins Island Renewable Energy Park (the Project) from the original referral document as follows.

Solar PV

Solar PV no longer forms part of the Project.

Road Network

The Project now involves the upgrade of Robbins Island Road on mainland Tasmania (~3.7 km) and some additional infrastructure as follows:

- Widening Robbins Island Road to suit B-double semi-trailers.
- The development of a bitumen turning circle and carparks at the end of Robbins Island Road.
- Resurfacing with bitumen of the final 30 m of Robbins Island Road prior to its junction with West Montagu Road to allow a safe breaking distance.
- Cable easement for several hundred metres in land adjacent to Robbins Island Road.
- An additional laydown yard (~1400 m²) adjacent to Robbins Island Road to enable the construction of the bridge.

Figure 1 shows several of these updates.

Transmission Infrastructure

The original referral document stated that the transmission of power would be from the mainland Tasmania coast to a substation at West Montagu via 220 kV overhead lines; this aspect no longer forms part of the Project.

Transmission cables will now installed underground from the bridge structure to mainland Tasmania to the point of the new construction laydown area mentioned above (see Figure 1). This is the point where the electrical infrastructure for the Project finishes and the connection to a separate electrical transmission project will commence.

The development of any subsequent electrical transmission infrastructure beyond the abovementioned point, including a transmission network, does not form part of the Project. This approach is consistent with advice provided by the Department in a meeting held on the 19th of June 2017. The mainland transmission network will be the subject of a separate referral to the Department, which will be submitted once UPC Renewables has sufficient information to satisfy the Department's referral requirements.

2.0 Project Land Adjustment

Since the submission of the original referral, there has been a variation to the Project Land and the Project Site (the area directly impacted by the Project), as summarised in Figure 2 and below.

The Project Land has increased to 10,094.6 ha. The Project Land now includes the following titles:

- **Wind Farm** - Robbins Island Pty Ltd: 110402/1
- **Bridge** - State Waters Robbins Passage (Crown Land Services)
- **Wharf** – State Water Bass Strait (Crown Land Services)
- **Robbins Island Road** – Entire Road Reserve (Circular Head Council)
- **Construction laydown and cable easement** – LBPC Services Pty Ltd: 50468/4

The Project Site and has increased by 10.88 ha from 8243.4 ha to 8254.3 ha, as a result of the addition of the entire length of Robbins Island Road, the addition of a laydown yard and cable trenching easement adjacent to the road, and alterations to the wharf footprint off Robbins Island.

Surveys of the new areas have been undertaken to assess the ecological values and potential impacts from the Project. The expanded areas to be incorporated into the Project Site are similar in nature to the areas previously assessed as part of the original Project Site. These assessments determined that there were no additional MNES requiring consideration beyond those identified in the original referral (2017/8096).

UPC Renewables is currently finalising a Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan to be assessed in accordance with the Project Specific Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan Guidelines issued in January 2018 under the bilateral agreement between the Tasmanian and Australian Governments.

After consideration of the above, we would appreciate confirmation from the Department that these matters have been reviewed by the Department, and the Department's Project definitions, including the Project area and scope, are amended accordingly.

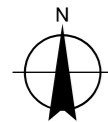
If you require further information in relation to this representation, please contact myself or [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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Map Projection: Transverse Mercator
Horizontal Datum: GDA 1994
Grid: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 55

- ★ Interpretive sign (wind farm and bird life)
- Proposed turning circle
- ▭ Cadastral boundaries
- ▭ Project site boundary
- - - Proposed cable easement
- ▭ Proposed sealed surface
- ▭ Proposed temporary construction laydown for bridge



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Robbins Island Road - Proposed Property Boundary and Turning Circle

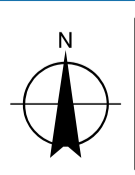
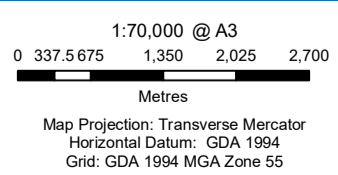
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Figure 1

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- Additional Project Site areas (10.88ha)
- Revised Project Site (8,254.27ha)
- The Land (10,094.58ha) - includes Project Site and additional areas



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Project Site Revision

Figure 2