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Open Letter

Proposed Farmworker Accommodation on Boundary of Wind Farm

As the proponent of the Mumblin Wind Farm, RE Future has prepared this letter to clearly outline our position in relation to a recent application to build farmworker accommodation on the boundary of the proposed wind farm.

The Mumblin Wind Farm will consist of nine wind turbine generators with a combined capacity of approximately 54 MW and will be located on Curdies – Leichfield Road in Ecklin South, Victoria.

A planning application has been lodged for this project with the Minister for Planning, in accordance with the requirements of the Corangamite Planning Scheme.

Recently an application was submitted to the Corangamite Shire Council to build farmworker accommodation on land adjoining the proposed Wind Farm. This application intends to place the proposed accommodation as close as possible to the boundary of the wind farm.

Late last year the Victorian Government introduced an amendment to all Victorian planning schemes which made it necessary to apply for a permit in order to build farmworker accommodation within 1 kilometre of the boundary of land that is the subject of a wind farm planning permit application. Under the new guidelines introduced by the amendment the Responsible Authority—in this case the Corangamite Shire Council—is required to consider any potential effects of a proposed wind farm on any proposed farmworker accommodation prior to issuing a permit.

Previously RE Future stated that it had no objection to neighbours of any of its wind farm projects building farmworker accommodation in the vicinity of our projects. This remains our position.

However, taking the above information into consideration, RE Future has made a submission to the Corangamite Shire Council noting the close proximity of the proposed accommodation to the wind farm and has requested the Shire take into consideration the effect, if any, the Mumblin Wind Farm may have on the farmworker accommodation prior to issuing a permit.

RE Future believes that if a neighbouring landowner wishes to build farmworker accommodation in the proposed location, then they should be free to do so. Accordingly, RE Future is comfortable to have a permit issued for the farmworker accommodation provided the applicant fully acknowledges and accepts that they are proposing to locate accommodation in close proximity to wind turbines.

The purpose of this letter is to clearly detail RE Future's position regarding this matter and if you would like further information about this or the wind farm please feel free to contact me on 0498 810 177, or via email at info@mumblinwindfarm.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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