Independent decision for Capital 2 Wind Farm

A proposal to change the design of the turbines for Capital 2 Wind Farm north of Bungendore has been submitted to the independent Planning Assessment Commission for approval.

The Department of Planning and Environment has recommended that the PAC approve the design change, with the original project’s approval conditions in place.

“We’ve looked closely at how the proposed increase in blade length might affect the already approved wind farm’s visual, noise, transportation and wildlife impacts, and found there would not be a significant difference,” a spokesperson for the Department said.

“The 41-turbine wind farm has already been approved, but is yet to be built.

“This proposal is about changing the approved design of the turbines, increasing the diameter of the blades to a maximum of 126 metres, up from 114 metres.

“The maximum height of the turbines will remain at 157 metre maximum height and some of the proposed turbines have been reduced in length to ensure they meet this restriction.

“Increasing the blade length would make the wind farm around 10 per cent more efficient in terms of the cost of generating electricity.”

The proposal was publicly exhibited in October last year and received 37 objections from the community.

In the interests of transparency and independence, any major project that has received more than 25 objections is referred to the PAC for determination.

“The PAC will now make the final decision on the project, taking into account the Department’s assessment and community feedback.”

For more information about the proposal and to view the Department’s assessment, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

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