

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACT 2000 APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR SUPPLY OR SALE

Moorabool Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 135 829 846)

RECORD OF DECISION

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (Industry Act), the Essential Services Commission (the commission) has granted Moorabool Wind Farm Pty Ltd (ACN 135 829 846) (**MWF**) a licence to generate electricity at the Moorabool North Wind Farm, 2917 Ballan-Meredith Road, Ballan Victoria 3342.

BACKGROUND

Requirement to obtain a Licence

Section 16(1) of the Industry Act provides that a person must not engage in the generation of electricity for supply or sale unless the person is:

- (a) the holder of a licence authorising the relevant activity; or
- (b) is exempted from the requirement to obtain a licence in respect of the relevant activity.

Entitlement to apply for a Licence

Section 18 of the Industry Act provides that a person may apply to the commission for a licence authorising the person to generate electricity for supply or sale.

The applicant

On 11 February 2019, MWF submitted an application to the commission for a licence authorising it to generate electricity for supply or sale.

The application

Consistent with the requirements of the commission's 'Guidance Notes for Applications for Electricity Licences', MWF provided the commission with comprehensive documentation supporting the application.

In particular, MWF presented information to provide assurance concerning its technical capacity.

On 19 February 2019, the commission published a copy of the application, and invited interested parties to make submissions in respect of the application. The commission did not receive any submissions regarding the application.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION

Section 19(1) of the Industry Act provides that, subject to subsections (2) and (3), the commission may grant or refuse an application for any reason it considers appropriate, having regard to the objectives of the commission under the provisions of the Industry Act and the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (Commission Act).

DECISION

The Commission is satisfied that:

- MWF has the technical capacity to comply with the conditions of the licence to be granted;
- MWF is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to sell electricity in Victoria.

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Industry Act, and having regard to its objectives under the Industry Act and the Commission Act, the Commission has decided to grant MWF a licence to generate electricity for supply or sale. The authorisation granted by the licence is limited to the generation of electricity at the Moorabool North Wind Farm, 2917 Ballan-Meredith Road, Ballan Victoria 3342.

THE COMMON SEAL of THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION was affixed pursuant to the authority of the Commission on 17 April 2019 ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION A.B.N. 71165498666

Dr Ron Ben-David Chairperson