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## **National Wind Farm Commissioner - Submission to Climate Change Authority**

Energy Developments Pty Ltd (**EDL**) thanks the Climate Change Authority (**CCA**) for the opportunity to make this submission in reply to the review of the role of the National Wind Farm Commissioner.

EDL supports the ongoing role of the National Wind Farm Commissioner and the possible expansion of the role to encompass the solar and storage industries.

### **About EDL**

EDL owns and operates an international portfolio of 985MW of power generation facilities in Australia, North America and Europe. In Australia, EDL's operations total approximately 705MW of generation capacity across five areas:

- (a) **Landfill Gas:** EDL is the largest operator of landfill gas power generation in Australia, with 77MW of generation capacity across 21 power stations
- (b) **Waste Coal Mine Gas:** EDL is the largest generator of waste coal mine gas power in Australia, with 288MW of generation capacity across 9 power stations
- (c) **Wind and Solar:** EDL owns and operates the 30MW Cullerin Range Wind Farm in NSW, the 12MW Wonthaggi Wind Farm in Victoria, the 9.3MW Coober Pedy Hybrid Power Station, and the 1.7MW Weipa Solar Farm
- (d) **Remote Energy:** For over 20 years, EDL has owned and operated electricity generation sites for remote towns and mine sites in Australia. EDL's current portfolio comprises over 296MW of generation capacity in 24 power stations; and
- (e) **LNG/CNG:** EDL has developed innovative and economically effective methods of transporting natural gas through "virtual pipelines". The current portfolio comprises a 200 tonne per day nameplate LNG plant plus LNG and CNG transportation infrastructure.

EDL operates in every mainland state and territory of Australia and accordingly, participates in the NEM, the Wholesale Electricity Market and the Northern Territory electricity market. EDL is a fairly new entrant to the wind generation market.

EDL has chosen to both make the general comments reflected in this covering letter and to respond to the direct questions of the CCA in the attached Submission template.

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## **General Comments**

EDL is of the view that the Wind Commissioner has played a very constructive and collaborative role through openly and proactively engaging with government, industry and the broader community.

Our perspective, as a relatively new entrant to the sector, is that the Wind Commissioner has actively fulfilled the Terms of Reference and contributed greatly to the transparency and community engagement levels currently seen in the industry.

The ability of the industry and the community alike to have access to an independent source of information and dispute resolution has without doubt promoted best practice in dispute resolution practices and community engagement.

EDL would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submissions further with the CCA. Please contact Fiona Daly, Global Regulatory Affairs Manager on (07) 3275 5504 or [Fiona.Daly@edl.com.au](mailto:Fiona.Daly@edl.com.au) if the CCA would like to discuss any aspect of these submissions.

Yours sincerely



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