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Dear Alastair,

Re: Bulgana Wind Farm: Vegetation Removal at Land Parcel Access Points and OSOM Local Road Routes

Thank you for your query in relation to the likelihood that proposed vegetation removal at land parcel access points and OSOM Local Road Routes may harm Aboriginal scarred trees. I have reviewed the information provided by you in Tables 5-7 and 5-8 from the report by Aurecon dated 3 September 2014 and titled *Bulgana Wind Farm Preliminary Transport Route Assessment*. I make the following comments.

Vegetation Removal at Land Parcel Access Points

No Aboriginal scarred trees were identified at the proposed locations for vegetation removal at land access points shown in Table 5-7; therefore, vegetation removal will not harm any Aboriginal scarred trees at these locations.

Vegetation Removal at OSOM Local Road Routes

Apart from the intersection of the Western Highway with Allanvale Road, these locations have not been assessed for the presence or absence of Aboriginal scarred trees. No scarred trees were identified within the wind farm boundary at the intersection of the Western Highway and Allanvale Road.

Aboriginal cultural scarring is typically found on mature indigenous trees more than 150 years old. If they are present at proposed vegetation removal locations at OSOM local road routes, then there is potential to harm unidentified Aboriginal scarred trees.

This risk can be mitigated by ensuring that any mature indigenous trees more than 150 years old are not harmed by any vegetation removal.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Andrea.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. A. Rymer'.

Tom Rymer
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