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Dear Commissioners

Community support for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm

The Central NSW Renewable Energy Cooperative (CENREC) is a local community renewable energy co-operative based in Central NSW. The members of the cooperative are all passionate about renewable energy and community investment into wind and solar energy projects. The primary goals of our cooperative are to create opportunities for community investment directly into large scale renewable energy projects, promote and support renewable energy and return some of our profits back into new community renewable projects.

CENREC is specifically looking to create opportunities for local communities to be able to invest directly into large scale wind projects and we are working on developing our investment model with Flyers Creek Wind Farm which is located in Blayney Shire, not far from Carcoar. By having a community investment model in place, the benefits of the Flyers Creek wind farm can move directly into the local community through their investment. The project at Flyers Creek is leading the way in Australia and our industry partners in this project Infigen Energy should be congratulated for taking this step to engage with the local community. When Flyers Creek is operational the community investors in this project will receive a return on their investment and CENREC will invest in new community renewable projects.

CENREC and its members are excited to see that the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm project has progressed to this point. This development harnesses some of NSW's best wind resources. It's development will drive local employment and economic development while contributing to Australia's renewable energy goal of 23% clean energy by 2020.

Living in a regional agricultural community we know that wind farms enhance existing grazing businesses by using a small fraction of the available land for infrastructure and providing extra tracks to improve all-weather access around the property. These large scale energy developments have a minimal environmental and social impact. Direct regional investment will also flow into the area through the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund (approximately \$168,000 per year) which will flow through to the Bathurst and Mid-Western LGAs.


Excitingly, Crudine Ridge is a large wind farm with up to 77 turbines being constructed along the Crudine ridgeline, with a capacity of up to 135MW. The construction and operation of

the wind farm will drive significant regional investment, including over 100 jobs during construction and 15 permanent jobs for the operational life of the wind farm.

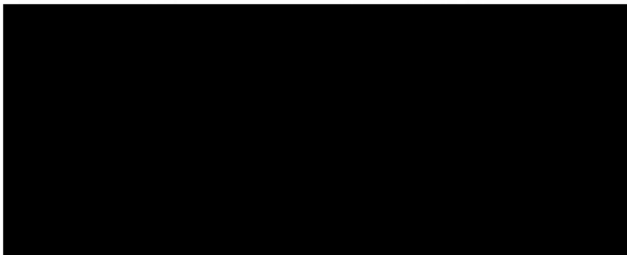
Through the construction of the wind farm 420 gigawatt hours of carbon free electricity will be generated which is enough to power about 56,700 homes, save about 363,500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year, and contribute approximately 0.67% towards the national Renewable Energy Target. The wind farm is located near to existing electricity distribution networks and will make the most of existing infrastructure.

This project when constructed, will help to meet the energy requirements of NSW as well as addressing future electricity demand without the production of additional greenhouse gases.

CENREC and its members strongly support the development of wind projects and are excited to see this project continue to progress. It is our hope that the Wind Farm will be approved.

Thank you for receiving our submission. If you require further information or have any queries about this submission please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 

Yours sincerely



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