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Select Committee on Wind Turbines
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To the Committee Secretary,

Submission to the Select Committee on Wind Turbines

Yorke Peninsula Wind Farm Project Pty Ltd (YPWFP) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Select Committee on Wind Turbines.

YPWFP is developing the \$1.5 billion CERES project which will create 500 construction and 50 ongoing jobs on the Yorke Peninsula. The South Australian Government granted development approval for the 600 megawatt clean energy project in February last year.

YPWFP is majority owned by Senvion Australia, a major wind farm company in Australia with over 10% of the local market for wind turbines.

Through the development approval process, the CERES project undertook the most comprehensive stakeholder consultation and most extensive impact assessment of any wind farm in South Australia. As part of the planning process YPWFP addressed many of the issues being examined by the Select Committee, and we would like to share our findings to help inform the deliberations of Committee members.

The attachment to this letter covers the CERES project's proactive approach to:

- Wind farm design and meeting community expectations, including:
 - Locating turbines a large distance from non-involved residences
 - Undergrounding power lines to minimise visual and other impacts;
 - Managing the spacing between turbines to minimise impacts on local flora, fauna and visual amenity;
- Ensuring the CERES project complements existing farming practices, including minimising any impact on aerial spraying;
- Addressing noise, health and safety concerns;
- Establishing effective fire management strategies, and creating a \$50,000 per annum fire risk management fund; and
- Ensuring the local community benefits directly from the wind farm, including through the provision of a community benefit fund of \$150,000 per annum.

We invite the Select Committee to review the attached and to also visit the project website (www.theceresproject.com.au) which includes more information about the project.

A representative of YPWFP would be happy to appear in front of the Select Committee to respond to any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Judd
Chairman YPWFP Pty Ltd
Majority Shareholders' Representative

Attachment: CERES Project Responses to Issues Raised by DAC Post the Adrossan Public Hearing of 14th October 2013