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**Committee Secretary**  
**State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee**  
**Parliament House**  
**George Street**  
**Brisbane Q 4000**  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

### **Submission in relation to the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the Forest Wind Development Bill 2020.

Forest Wind Holdings Pty Limited (**FWH**) proposes to develop and construct Forest Wind, a wind farm of up to 1200MW capacity, within exotic pine plantation between Gympie and Maryborough, on State owned land.

This transformative renewable energy infrastructure project will utilise human and material resources from the Wide Bay region and Queensland and meet key State priorities.

Forest Wind has the potential to:

- generate around AU\$2 billion of investment
- create up to 516 jobs, including 444 full time equivalent direct jobs during construction, peaking at over 600 jobs, and 50 direct long-term operational roles, mostly in Wide Bay
- contribute 25 percent of generation requirements for Queensland's Renewable Energy Target
- offset the equivalent emissions of 1 million cars each year.

### **The Proponent**

FWH is a special purpose company established for the project, with the shareholders being:

**SIEMENS** <sup>1</sup> One of the world's largest producers of energy-efficient, resource-saving technologies, Siemens is a leading supplier of systems for power generation and transmission as well as medical diagnosis. Within Queensland, Siemens Financial Services was proud to be a cornerstone investor in the Sunshine Coast Hospital, including the development, construction, and operational phases.

**CleanSight** <sup>2</sup> A locally owned business based on the Sunshine Coast, it is one of Queensland's few long-standing members of the large-scale renewable energy project industry. CleanSight comprises a team of internationally experienced professionals in wind power, energy markets, financing, planning and environmental management, community engagement and project management.

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<sup>1</sup> Siemens Project Ventures GmbH, a part of Siemens Financial Services.

<sup>2</sup> CleanSight FW Holdings Pty Limited, a part of the CleanSight company group.

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**Location**

Forest Wind is proposed within existing exotic pine plantations. The co-location of forestry and wind turbines showcases land use for sustainable energy and forestry, adding value and economic output on State owned land resources. Being within Australia's largest plantation, this affords the project an industry leading separation distance of 3,000m from residents to wind turbines, double the distance required by the State Government's planning code.

Given the location is within State forests, it was determined that a tenure pathway and legal framework to facilitate long-term financeable land tenure would be required, as outlined in the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020.

**Project information:** [www.forestwind.com.au](http://www.forestwind.com.au)

The Forest Wind website provides a wide array of information for all stakeholders, including:

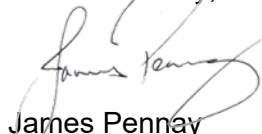
- Project information including overview of infrastructure and mapping
- Fact sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and additional resources
- Planning and environment information, including wide ranging environmental and technical studies and reports prepared for State and Federal approvals, as well as the development approval and conditions
- Local industry and jobs opportunities overview
- Supplier expression of interest registration processes
- Community engagement undertaken
- Community Consultative Committee establishment
- Regular newsletters sent to over 350 subscribers
- Recognition of the Traditional Owners; Butchulla First Nation People and Kabi Kabi First Nation People
- Enquiries and complaints processes.

**Support**

FWH supports the Forest Wind Development Bill 2020. It provides for a financeable land tenure pathway that will facilitate FWH's capacity to complete the balance of the development, including resolution of commercialisation and financing.

FWH would be pleased to address any questions the Committee may have.

Yours sincerely,



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