

Bango Wind Farm – Independent Environmental Audit No. 2 (2022)

Audit findings, recommendations, and responses

EMM Finding/ Recommendation	BWF Proposed action and timing
CoA 2.18 - Updating and staging of strategies plans or programs CWPR have revised and resubmitted the Environmental Management System (EMS), for the commissioning and the operational phase of the Project. The revised EMS was submitted to the DPE for review in 2021. Comments were received from DPE June 2022, comments are being addressed and incorporated into the EMS, the document has not yet been finalised. CWPR are to ensure that they continue to follow up with DPE to gain approval of the EMS prior to the operational phase commencing.	BWF are currently in the process of addressing the Department's comments on the EMS and are preparing a revised EMS for resubmission under CoA 2.18. The EMS resubmission will be completed prior to the commencement of wind farm Operational phase.
CoA 3.9 - Operational Noise Monitoring Operational noise monitoring has not been triggered as part of this IEA, this monitoring will be undertaken when the construction phase has been completed and the operational phase commences in early 2023.	The operational noise monitoring will be completed in accordance with CoA 3.9 and CoA 3.11.
CoA 3.24 - Designated Heavy and Over-Dimensional Vehicle Routes Three non-compliances were reported during construction, three revisions of the Traffic Management Plan were undertaken as a result. CWPR were vigilant in their reporting and incident investigation and reviewing requirements. Signage used to inform contractors of the correct access route to the site should be removed if no longer required.	Over-dimensional deliveries to the site have now been completed. BWF continues to implement the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the project to ensure that all Designated Heavy vehicle traffic to the site are in accordance with CoA 3.24.
CoA 3.36 - Progressive Rehabilitation CWPR have progressively rehabilitated areas throughout the site, in turn reducing the amount of disturbed ground exposed at any one time. CWPR was commended on the stable and good condition of the site considering the large amount of rainfall that occurred just weeks before the inspection.	BWF notes that progressive rehabilitation of the site is ongoing in accordance with CoA 3.36.