

Uungula Wind Farm



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Project update

The Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement was publicly exhibited for six weeks from 27 May 2020 until 8 July 2020.

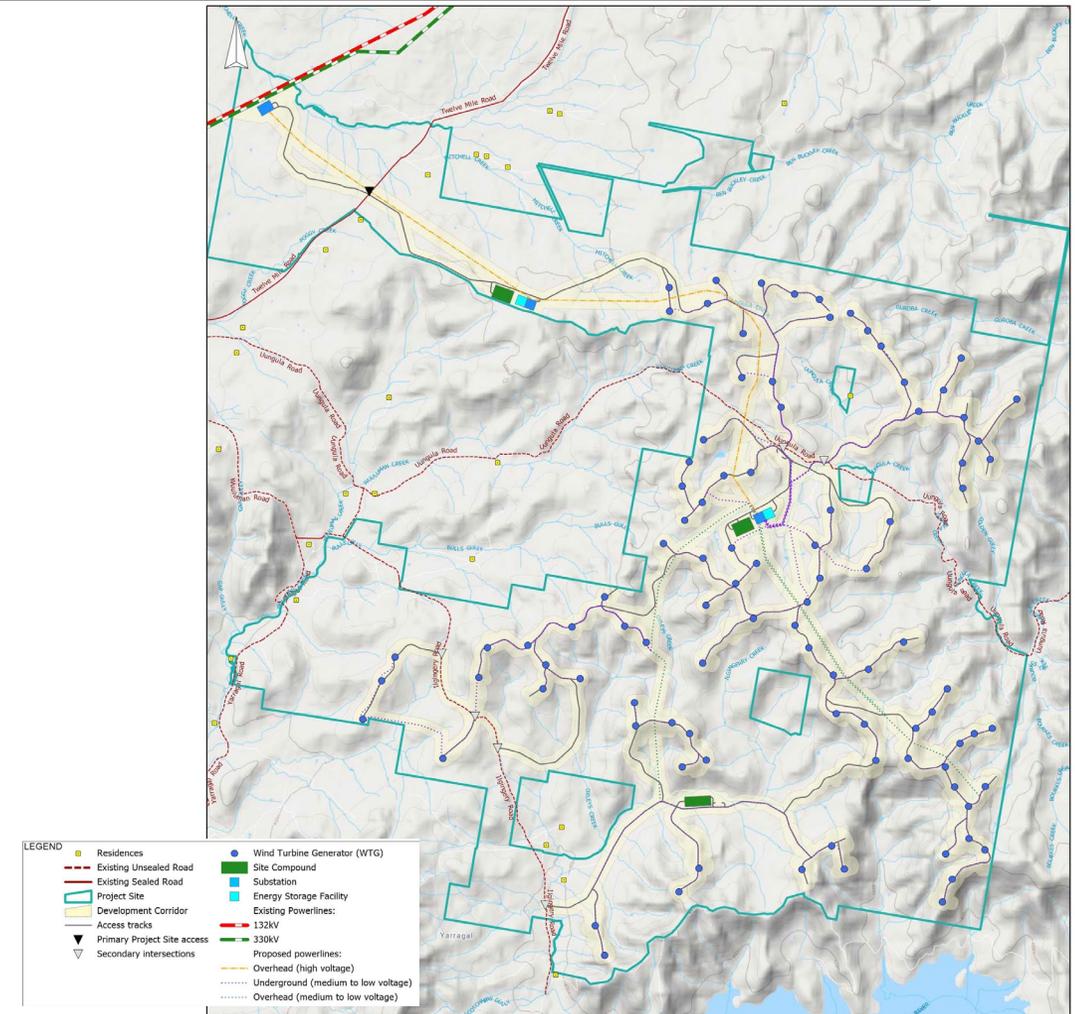
Newsletters, letters and advertisements were circulated in the months prior to the exhibition period to inform the community of the opportunities to provide input.

The exhibition period was advertised in local and regional media.

The NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) designated the exhibition to be an online-only exhibition given the Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings and closure of public buildings.

Three printed versions of the EIS were provided to three members of the Ungula Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to view and distribute within the wider community.

Members of the public were able to contact the CCC Independent Chair to request to see a copy of the printed EIS.



Project update – new mast

A new 160m wind monitoring mast has been installed on site.

Assessed and approved under a separate Development Application by Dubbo Regional Council

Aviation authorities have been notified of the location of the mast (CASA, Airservices Australia, Defence) by notification in the vertical obstacle database. The mast has alternating colour banding on the top for visibility.



Planning Status

The project is now in the Responding to Submissions phase of the EIS.

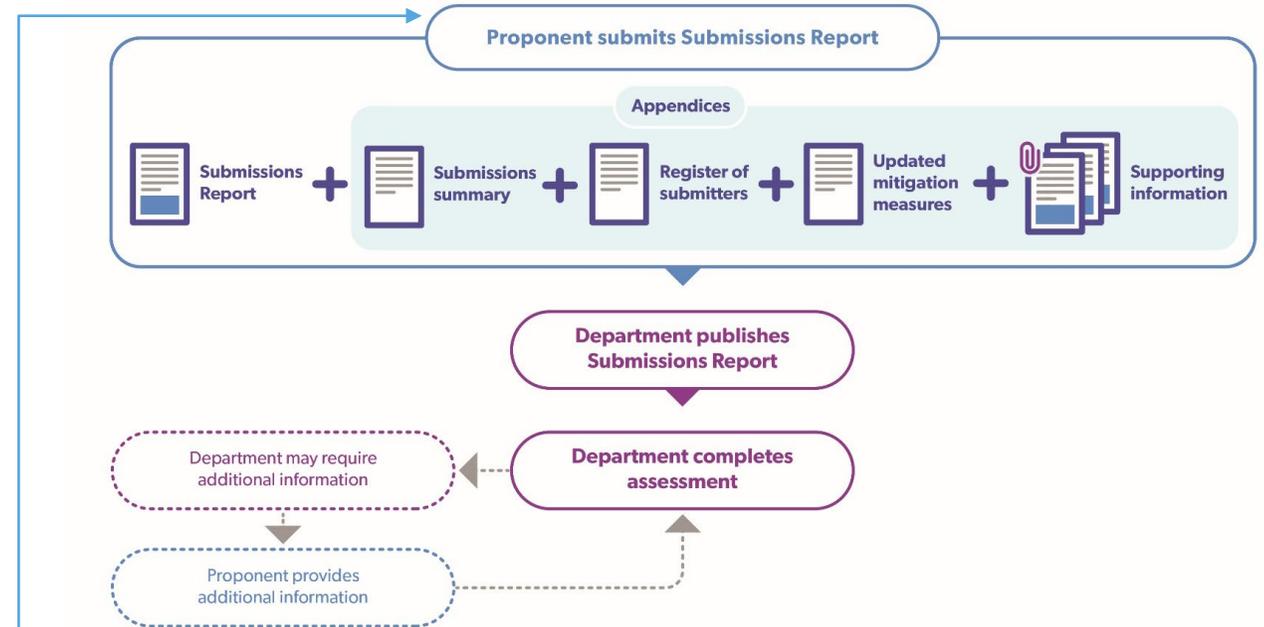
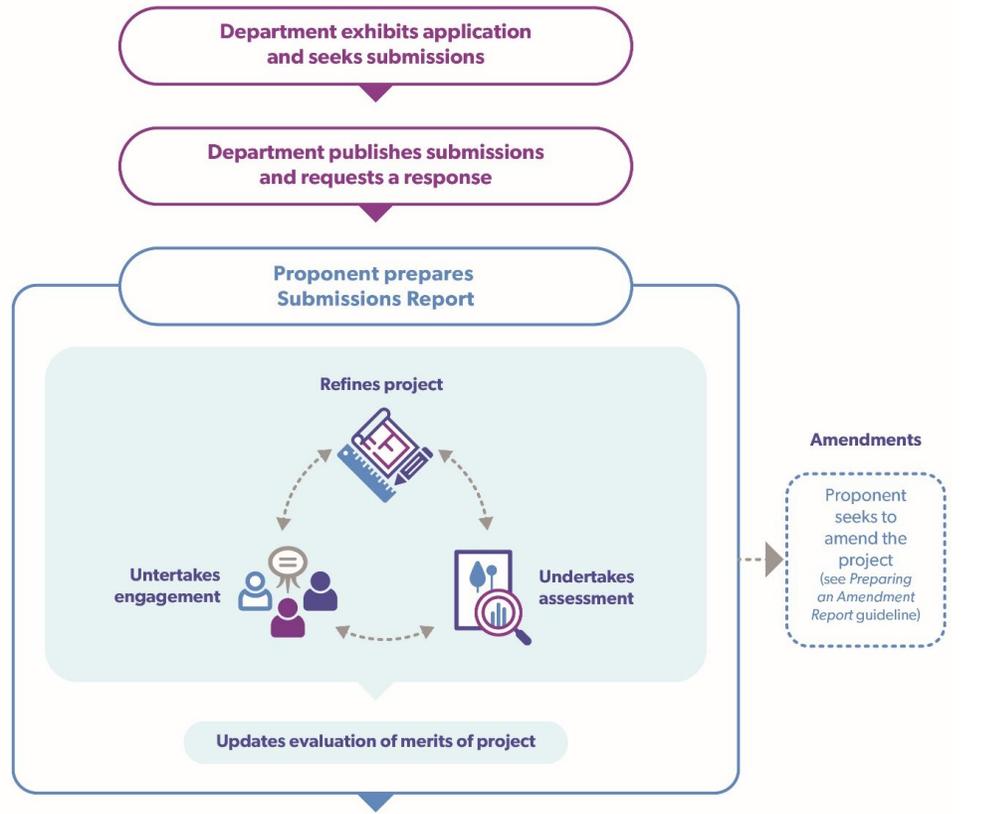
We are now reviewing the submissions and preparing a Response to Submissions Report (RtS) to be submitted to DPIE.

The RtS will be publicly exhibited and DPIE will consider our responses to the issues raised during its assessment of the Project.



Responding to Submissions

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Submissions preliminary overview

The Department received 32 submissions on the project, including 25 from the general public and 7 from special interest groups.

25 Public submissions comprising:

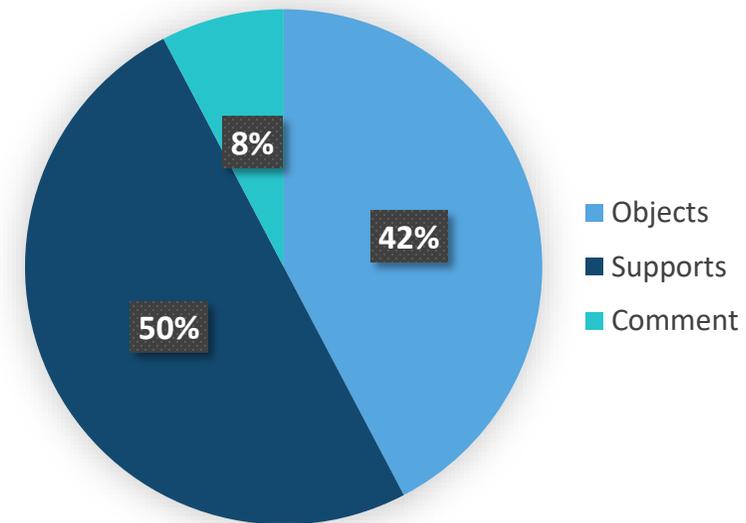
- Support: 13
- Objections: 11
- Comments: 2

7 Organisation submissions comprising:

- Support: 3
- Objections: 2
- Comments: 2

19 Government agency comments

Public Submissions



All submissions are available publicly on the NSW Major Projects website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9431>

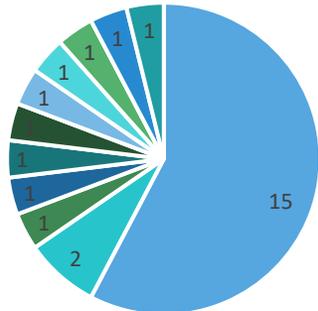
Public submissions location

58% of the submissions received from the public were located within the Dubbo Regional Council Area

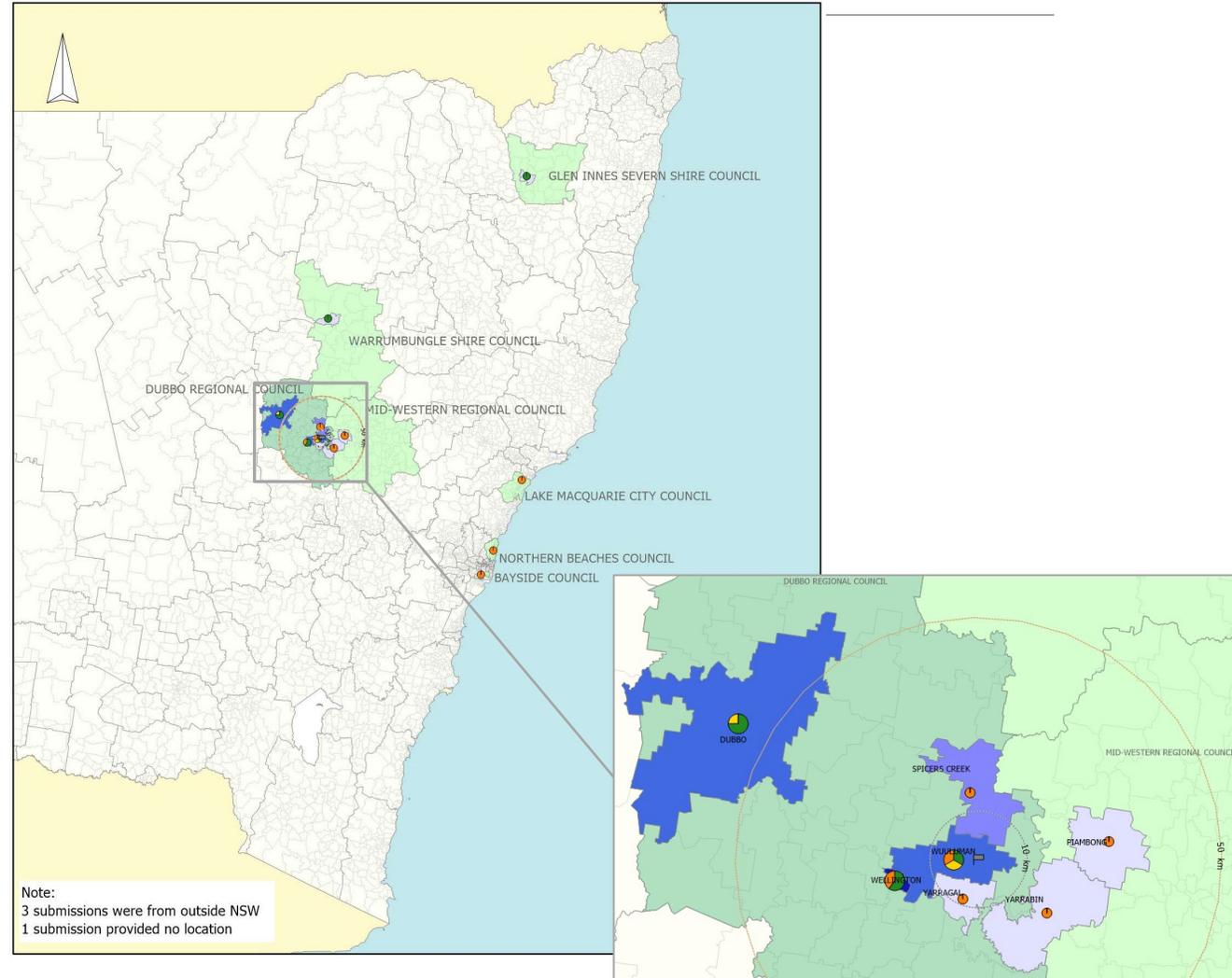
Of those submissions, 47% were in support, 40% object and 13% made comment.

3 submissions were received from Victoria (in support) and 1 submission (objection) did not provide their location.

Submissions by LGA



- Dubbo Regional Council
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Bayside Council
- Warrumbungle Shire Council
- City of Darebin (VIC)
- Unknown
- Mid-Western Regional Council
- Northern Beaches Council
- Glen Innes Severn Shire Council
- Banyule City Council (VIC)
- Hobsons Bay City Council (VIC)



Preliminary analysis

All submissions are being reviewed in accordance with the DPIE Responding to Submissions Guideline and will inform the flow of the report.

The issues raised in the submissions will be categorised and grouped into similar themes and provided with a response per group. Submissions will be paraphrased and referred to by their submission ID in main report.

High level issues / themes identified in the submissions include: (listed in order of issue frequency)

Socio-Economics:

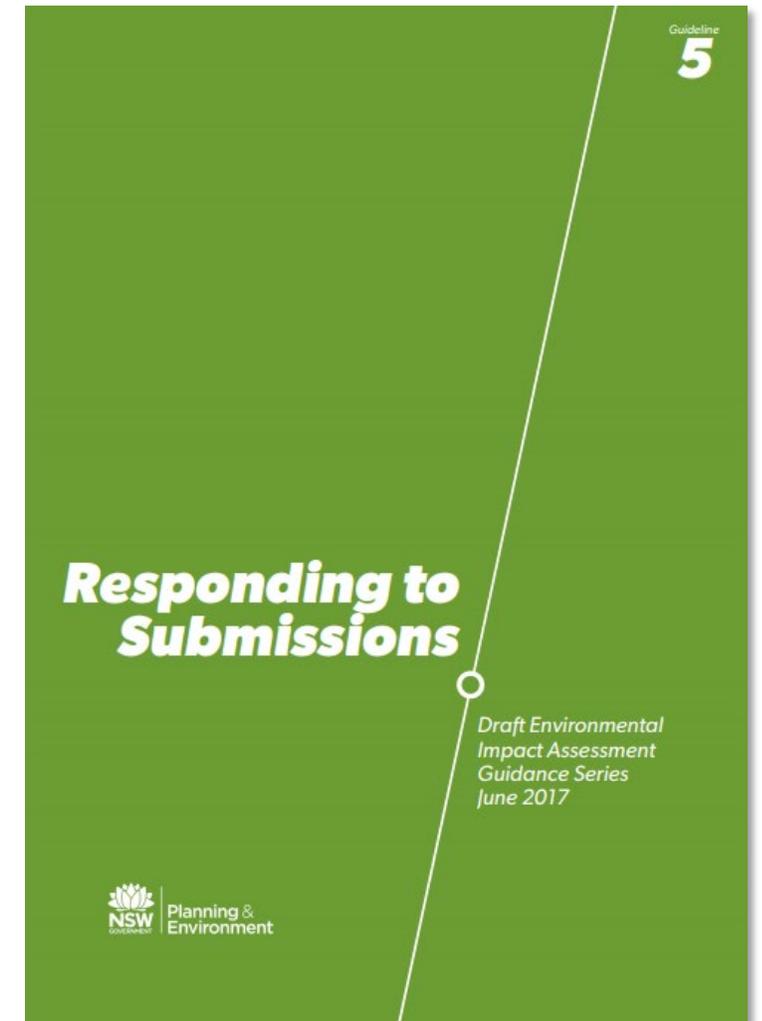
- Employment opportunities (direct employment and contracting)
- Opportunities for Wellington and investment in the local community
- Level of community consultation
- Land Values and land use

Environmental Impact Assessment:

- Biodiversity assessment and impacts
- Noise and visual impacts
- Health
- Transport / Traffic (particularly the Twelve Mile Road and Goolma Road intersection)

Broader issues:

- NSW Energy Policy - Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone
- Renewable energy and wind farms in general (not specific to the Project)
- Format of the EIS



Activities since public exhibition

Consultation undertaken with agencies regarding the submissions:

- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- Dubbo Regional Council:
 - Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)
 - Road upgrades: Twelve Mile Road, Uungula Road, Wuuluman Road, Ilgingery Road
 - Intersection design: Goolma Road / Twelve Mile Road
- Biodiversity Conservation Division – Biodiversity
 - Information required to address the SEARs
- Biodiversity Conservation Division – Heritage (now NSW Heritage)
 - Information requirements regarding consultation

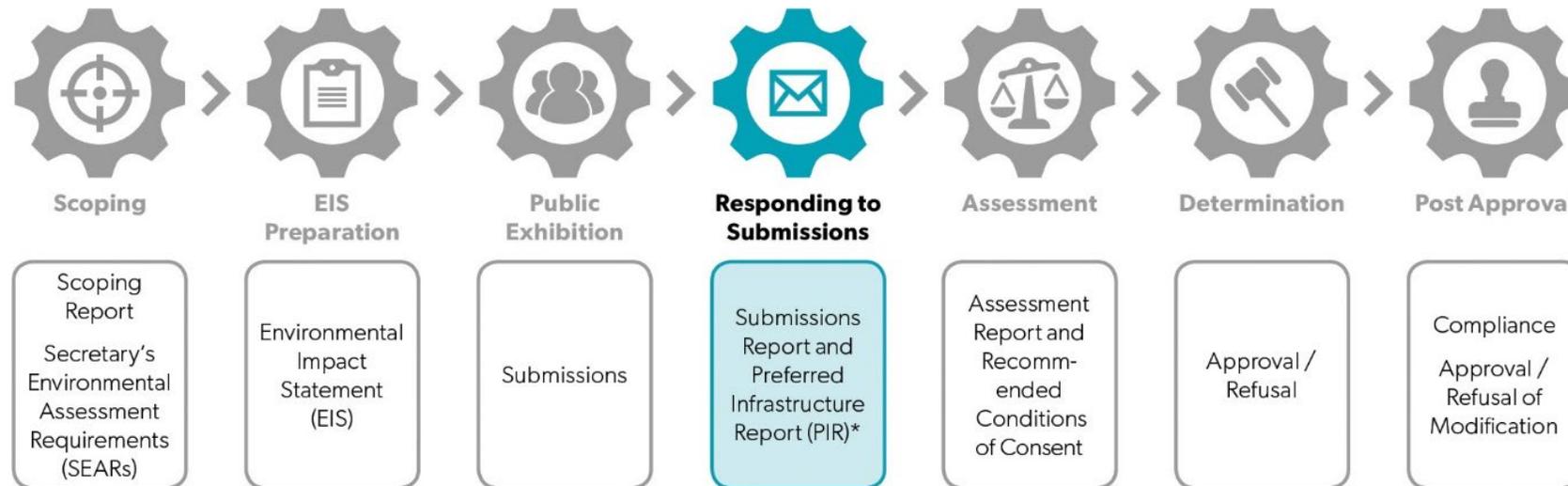
Further consultation (ongoing):

- Transport for NSW: Goolma Road / Twelve Mile Road intersection design
- Dubbo Regional Council (VPA and intersection)
- Mid Western Regional Council

Further studies and additional information (will be presented as appendices to the Response to Submissions Report):

- Biodiversity
 - Revised BAR/BOS and discussion report on bird and bat strike
- Heritage
 - Results of test excavation program
- Intersection designs
 - In consultation with Dubbo Regional Council and Transport for NSW
- Bushfire
 - Revised report to include minor amendments
- Hydrology
 - Revised report to include minor amendments

Planning and approvals process flow



Timeline



Key next steps:

- CWP reviews the submissions and prepares a response (expecting to submit mid-September 2020)
- DPIE review RtS and prepare Assessment Report
- CWP continue ongoing consultation with neighbours and residents
- CWP continue ongoing consultation with government agencies and Council

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