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1. Contact Information

1.1 Asset Owner

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1.2 Specified operator

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Trading Company Name	Vestas
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2. Bushfire Mitigation Plan (BMP)

Atmos Services Pty Ltd (**Atmos**), as the owner of Cherry Tree Wind Farm (**CTWF**), is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of all personnel affected by its operations and to maintaining compliance with the *Electricity Safety Regulations*. The company ensures this plan is reviewed annually to minimise the risk of ignition from electrical assets.

This Bushfire Mitigation Plan (BMP) is designed to eliminate or, where elimination is not practicable, minimise the risk of fire ignition so far as is reasonably practicable.

3. Objectives of the BMP

The key objective of this Bushfire Mitigation Plan is to eliminate where practicable all fire ignition risks in our operations. We aim to achieve this through:

- Elimination of ignition sources.
- Asset Maintenance consistent with industry standards
- Maintenance of separation between potential ignition sources and flammable material

The plan outlines the structure and processes used to manage bushfire risks. The aim of the plan is to:

- Protect the health and safety of the personnel and the local community.
- Minimise environmental impacts of our operations and mitigation activities.
- Maintain safe electrical and vegetation clearances
- Reduce the risk of fires and power interruptions.

4. Description

4.1 General Description

Cherry Tree Wind Farm is located in Victoria, approximately 15km southeast of Seymour and 80km east of Melbourne. It comprises 16 Vestas V136-3.6MW wind turbines, totalling 57.6MW of installed capacity

4.2 Overhead Power Lines

In respect of this Bushfire Mitigation Plan, this plan applies to the overhead line, hardware and apparatus from the substation to the terminal pole (pole 66, pole ID 2601858177) excluding the pole. CTWF will be responsible for the overhead line integrity from the connection point into the CTWF site. The Boundary of Ownership between AusNet Services and the CTWF's installation is the mechanical connection on the 66kV bridges on the AusNet Services Terminal Pole (pole 66, pole ID 2601858177). This line is located within a High Bushfire Risk Area (HBRA)



Figure 1. Electrical Infrastructure

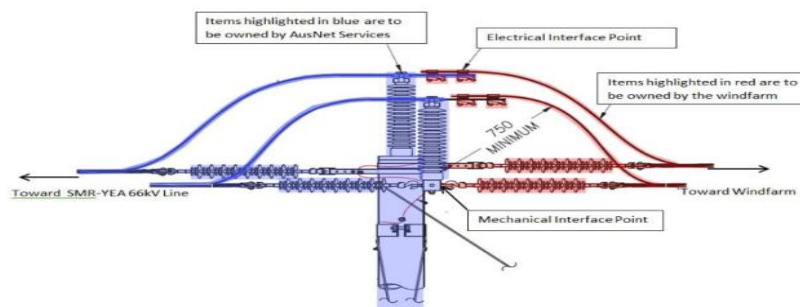


Figure 2. Connection Facilities

The year of installation, conductor type, and length of the at-risk electric line are currently not available. This information will be collected and confirmed during the initial inspection process as part of the implementation of the Bushfire Mitigation Plan. The overhead line has an approximate length of 10.5 meters.

5. Bushfire Prevention Strategies

This Bushfire Mitigation Plan provides the strategies and programs for the prevention of bushfires caused by the operation of Cherry Tree Wind Farm. The priority defect ratings used in relation to the maintenance of the at-risk electric lines and timeframes to complete maintenance. The risk of bushfire will be managed through the following:

- Application of risk management process in accordance with the Cherry Tree Wind Farm Workplace Health and Safety Environmental Management Plan (WHSEMP)¹
- Undertaking inspections and preventative maintenance of electrical assets.
- Ensuring the competency of personnel engaged in high-risk work.
- Utilisation of quality products throughout the operation of the wind farm.
- Maintain easements to ensure appropriate vegetation management.

5.1 Firefighting equipment

Fire-fighting equipment suitable to extinguish small fires is provided in all vehicles and within the substation. Extinguishers are to be inspected every six months and in accordance with manufacturer instructions. Firefighting is only to be attempted by personnel post reporting the fire and only if safe to do so

¹Appendix 1

6. Inspection Plan

An Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contract is in place with a qualified contractor (**Vestas**) to carry out inspections and will include the overhead high-voltage power lines. These lines will be inspected periodically in accordance with the Service Schedule², which establishes the baseline timeline for monthly and annual planned services.

Monthly visual inspections of the overhead power line will be undertaken during substation inspections, and comprehensive annual drone inspections, including thermal imaging, will be performed in accordance with the maintenance requirements³.

6.1 Line Inspections

Line inspections are to be completed from the substation to the first pole with inspection to include the following components:

- Insulators.
- Line hardware.
- Line

The inspector is required to identify defects, report on the condition, and assign a priority regarding rectification.

Vestas will commence the inspections once the BMP is accepted.

An Electric Line Clearance Management Plan (ELCMP) will be prepared no later than 31st March 2026, unless an exemption is granted

² Service Agreement (AOM 5000) Cherry Tree Wind Farm – Appendix 2

³ Appendix 3

7. Inspection Finding

Actions arising from line inspection findings will be prioritised in accordance with the risk categories defined in the following table.

Table 1. Priority table

Priority Level	Description	Completion Time Frame
1	Imminent risk of bushfire ignition.	ASAP (within the next 24 h)
2	A damaged component in the line significantly increases the likelihood of igniting a bushfire.	Within 2 – 3 days
3	A damaged component in the line has very low likelihood of igniting a bushfire.	7-14 days

8. Modification program

Due to the short length of the overhead cables, there is no scheduled asset replacement or modification program. Maintenance activities are conducted in accordance with the Service Schedule, which includes monthly visual inspections and annual thermal inspections.

Any defects or deterioration identified during these inspections are assessed and rectified on an as-needed basis, with the priority and timing of corrective actions determined in Table 1.

9. Competency / Training

9.1 Competency

The competence of personnel is a critical factor in ensuring the quality and reliability of inspections.

All personnel undertaking inspections (including audit inspections) must be carried out by a competent contractor in accordance with good wind industry practices and the requirements of Energy Safe Victoria (ESV). The contractor will be nominated by Vestas and must be appropriately experienced and capable of performing the required inspections to a high standard. All personnel must be approved by Vestas for Cherry Tree Wind Farm prior to undertaking any electrical asset inspections.

Asset Inspector must have completed UET20621 qualification or equivalent. Additionally, Vestas requires the following (but not limited to) as part of the site induction process:

- Site Safety Induction
- CPR and First Aid
- ANZ Electrical Safety Program Induction
- HV Permit
- Driver Safety Program
- HV Rules
- Fire Awareness Training

The refresher frequency for each course is specific to the training. CPR must be refreshed annually, while most of the other courses require renewal every two years.

9.2 Selection of a Competent Person

The personnel responsible for conducting inspections will be nominated by Vestas, based on meeting the required competency and qualification criteria.

9.3 Training in BMP

All personnel with responsibilities under this plan will be provided with a copy by the person responsible for its preparation. Everyone is required to read and understand the contents of the plan and, where clarification is needed, must consult the person responsible for its preparation.

The person responsible for preparing the plan shall maintain records confirming that all relevant personnel have acknowledged and understood the plan. These records may include signed acknowledgements, training records, or diary notes.

Other workers and contractors will receive training in the Bushfire Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Management Plan as part of the Cherry Tree Wind Farm site-induction process. All personnel performing activities within the scope of this plan will operate under an approved risk assessment and must be deemed competent for the tasks they undertake. Records of competence will be reviewed and maintained by, or on behalf of, Cherry Tree Wind Farm personnel.

10. Emergency Response Plan

Emergency response procedures⁴ are in place at Cherry Tree Wind Farm to manage operations safely during hazardous conditions.

10.1 In the event of bushfire

In the event of a bushfire, Cherry Tree Wind Farm will:

- Report to the Chief Warden and the CFA (000);
- Cease other work activities and render machinery safe and clear of access ways.
- Conduct first response firefighting if safe to do so;
- Ensure your location is known to the Chief Warden; and
- Follow directions of the Chief Warden.

Upon detection of an ignition onsite, the Chief Warden and staff must:

- Identify the location and extent of the fire and notify all people onsite.
- Move people away from the affected/immediately threatened area;
- Attempt to extinguish the fire only if safe to do so;
- Call emergency services on 000;
- Notify all landholders (see Section 5.1) of presence of fire onsite;
- Commence assembly of all people at the emergency assembly point (substation area);
- Monitor the situation; and
- Evacuate the site if required.

If the fire cannot be immediately suppressed, the Chief Warden must:

- Commence emergency evacuation procedures.
- Be aware of the imminent arrival of emergency services vehicles and ensure their access routes through the site remain clear at all times.
- Respond to the directions of emergency service.

Response to bushfire will be managed in accordance with the Wildfire prevention and the Emergency Response Plan⁵. Further Cherry Tree Wind Farm will liaise with CFA in the event of any fire, total fire ban day and during fire danger periods.

10.2 Total fire ban days

During the bushfire risk season, Site Supervisor will liaise with the local fire authority for awareness state/district Fire Danger Ratings.

Hot Works Permits not to be issued on Total Fire Ban Days, on days when the Fire Danger Rating is extreme or above, or on days with high wind present. In cases where essential work must be carried out under these conditions, a fire permit will be obtained from the [CFA](#) prior to commence any activity.

⁴Appendix 4

⁵Appendix 5

10.3 Fire danger period

The operation of the wind farm will continue as normal during the fire danger period; however, specific limitations will apply to maintenance activities:

- Site personnel must check the Country Fire Authority (**CFA**) fire danger ratings and total fire ban declarations at least twice daily during the fire season (1 October to 31 March).
 - All inspections and high-priority maintenance activities must be completed prior to the commencement of the declared fire danger period to minimise ignition risk.
- Any vehicle operating off made roads must have high ground clearance and be diesel-powered to reduce ignition risk
- All vehicles travelling off formed roadways or gravel surfaces must comply with the requirements of the Vehicle Fire Equipment and Vehicle Movement Guidelines.
- Hot work in accordance with the Hot Works Procedure

10.4 Line Isolation

In the event of a fire that affects the power line between Cherry Tree Substation and AusNet Services' sub-transmission network, operational coordination will occur between AusNet and Cherry Tree Wind Farm to safely isolate the plant in accordance with the agreed operational protocol⁶.

10.5 Plan Availability

A copy of this report will be available at the following locations:

- At the Cherry Tree Wind Farm O&M Building
- Overwatch Control Room – 24/7.
- Vestas Control Room – 24/7
- [Atmos Web Page](#)

⁶Appendix 6

11. Fire Investigations

11.1 Investigation

Cherry Tree Wind Farm will, as requested, provide assistance to fire control authorities investigating bushfires within the vicinity of the wind farm. This will include:

- Allocating staff or a representative to accompany fire investigators investigating any potential/suspected ignition sources within the wind farm.
- Provision of technical details of items specifically related to fire ignition.
- Providing access to bushfire related policies and procedures.
- Accepting recommendations from fire authorities concerning improvement opportunities

Cherry Tree Wind Farm is committed to investigating all incidents including incidents involving fire and the reasonable potential there for. All incidents shall be investigated and reported as per section 17 of the projects Workplace health & safety management plan (WHSEMP).

11.2 Equipment failure

There have been no fires caused by the at-risk electric line since the wind farm began commercial operation or contributed to a bushfire event.

12. Continuous Improvement

Lessons learned from incidents, inspections, and audits will feed into continuous improvement reviews, ensuring compliance with ESV's expectations for proactive risk management.

12.1 Audits

Cherry Tree Wind Farm will utilise a combination of internal and external audits to monitor the implementation of this Bushfire Mitigation Plan in order to identify any potential deficiencies.

12.1.1 Internal audits

Cherry Tree will audit the BMP, including its implementation and overall compliance on an annual basis. This will involve reviewing inspections records verifying that process are being followed as intended, and identifying any areas for improvement or corrective action.

12.1.2 External Audit

External audits shall be conducted by a qualified independent auditor at least every five years, and findings will be documented and reviewed by CTWF management. The external auditor shall be:

- Trained in line inspection; and
- Has completed an assets inspection training course endorsed by ESV.

12.2 Implementation Monitoring

Actions identified during inspections and audits will be tracked to completion using the Corrective Action Register (**CAR**). Following each inspection or audit, all identified actions will be entered into the CAR for monitoring and follow-up.

Each action will be periodically reviewed to verify progress and ensure timely close-out. Once an action is confirmed as completed, details of the rectification will be documented in the register, and the item formally closed.

Any physical works arising from these actions will be monitored by Cherry Tree Wind Farm personnel or their appointed representatives to ensure compliance with site procedures and all relevant legislative requirements.

13. BMP Revision

The Bushfire Mitigation Plan will be reviewed and re-submitted to ESV at least every 5 years, in accordance with the legislative changes that came into effect in May 2025.

Cherry Tree Wind Farm has not been exempted from any requirements of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations.

Reference Documents

Appendix	Document
Appendix 1	Workplace Health and Safety Environmental Management Plan (WHSEMP)
Appendix 2	Service Agreement
Appendix 3	Fire Preparedness OHL Checklist
Appendix 4	Emergency Response Plan
Appendix 5	Wildfire prevention and the Emergency Response Plan
Appendix 6	Customer Operating Protocol between AusNet Services & Cherry Tree Wind Farm at Trawool



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