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LETTER OF SUPPORT: WOOROORA STATION WIND FARM RAVENSHOE

Dear Minister Plibersek,

Cc Federal Government Representatives, Queensland State Government and Tablelands Regional Council

I the undersigned hereby express my support of the Wooroora Station Wind Farm project in Ravenshoe. I acknowledge the comprehensive assessment and iterative design process that considers and avoids impacts to the maximum extent achievable. Consultation and engagement with stakeholders has been thorough by proponents Ark Energy and that has built understanding of the project and social license. There has been a considered and measurable response to findings and feedback to develop workable compromises with meaningful benefit for all parties. There is clear investment and collaboration on strategies and commitments for repair and rehabilitation of the site where we clearing is required. There are comprehensive and strategic offsets with management regimes (weed, fire, feral pests) to improve habitat as a direct result of the project.

A capital investment of \$700 M, including an estimated \$200 M direct and indirect expenditure in the region (Kennedy electorate) is significant and an investment in our community that I welcome. The creation of 250-300 jobs during the construction period and 15-20 ongoing full-time jobs for maintenance and operation is also welcomed. The financial, training and employment benefits for First Nations Peoples through the Jirrbal Peoples Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) and the nature positive plan is commendable.

Ark Energy's contribution to capacity building and opportunities for ecological rehabilitation / restoration projects is exciting as is the Community Benefit Program of \$500,000 p.a. (indexed to CPI) from the start of construction and for the life of the wind farm. Not to mention the significant positive impacts this project will assist in transitioning to a greener energy future with:

- ~ 294 MW towards Queensland's renewable energy targets and to put downward pressure on electricity prices.
- Nature positive plan to achieve conservation benefits for key species and net gains for biodiversity.

I wholeheartedly support the project in our community and encourage the Federal Government to approve this large scale project for our region.

Yours sincerely

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