

**Government Response to the
State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee**

Report No. 1

Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020 be passed.

The government thanks the State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee (the Committee) for its consideration of the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020 (the Bill) and notes the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Queensland Government consider the following minor amendments to Part 8, Division 4 of the Bill relating to the operation of the Springfield Structure Plan:

- *update section 275W(3) Restrictions on approving plan applications, to require precinct plans to be 'generally consistent with' rather than 'consistent with' the Land Use Concept Master Plan*
- *amend sections 275X-Z to remove potential duplicative consultation processes to those required by the existing Springfield Structure Plan*
- *amend the Bill to provide Queensland Urban Utilities with copies of plan approval applications where there are possible impacts to water or wastewater infrastructure and services*
- *expand the scope of transitional arrangements proposed under section 353(1), to include development approvals resulting from development applications made but not decided before commencement of the Bill*
- *amend the Bill to include explicit reference to section 316 of the Planning Act 2016, and if required, relevant provisions in the Bill, in section 231 of the Planning Act 2016, to put beyond any doubt the validity of appeal processes under the Springfield Structure Plan.*

The government supports this recommendation as it considers that all of the proposed minor amendments under the recommendation will improve the clarity and workability of the provisions. Consequently, the government intends to bring forward appropriate amendments reflecting the recommendation during consideration of the Bill in detail.

