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Renewable Energy Zones Consultation Paper January 2021

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Walcha Energy would like to thank the ESB for the opportunity to submit this response for your consideration as part of the consultation process on Renewable Energy Zones January 2021.

Walcha Energy, a joint venture between Energy Estate and Mirus Wind, is developing the Walcha Energy Project, situated within the New England Renewable Energy Zone in northern New South Wales. The largest renewable energy project in the NEM, it comprises a 4GW+ portfolio of wind, solar, pumped hydro and battery storage projects, to support NSW in the transition from coal fired generation and contribute materially to the direction established by the NSW Government Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.

New transmission and long duration storage will unlock the potential of the 8GW+ New England REZ, ensuring cheap, reliable power for NSW and create thousands of jobs for the New England region and surrounds. We have attached a brief summary presentation of the project.

We have attached our response to the questions posed in the REZ Consultation Paper January 2021. We look forward to continuing the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,



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