



Friday 17 February 2023

## Council approves development permit for the Robbins Island Wind Farm

At Circular Head Council's monthly meeting last night, Council agreed to provide a planning permit for the development of a wind farm and other infrastructure on Robbins Island.

Five members of the Planning Authority voted in favour of the development, one voted against and three abstained from the vote, citing conflict of interest.

Circular Head Mayor, Gerard Blizzard said *"As a Council, we recognise that some of our community will be happy with this decision and some will not. There are passionate people on both sides of the fence and we simply cannot please everyone."*

*The development approval process is a statutory process under State Planning Laws and Council, acting as a Planning Authority, must vote in accordance with these laws. The decision regarding the planning permit has now been made by Council and the proponents can move to further the project if they choose to."*

In December last year, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) granted its approval for the project subject to conditions, including a five-month annual shutdown to allow for the safe migration of bird populations.

The ultimate decision on whether or not the development can go ahead will be determined by the Federal Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

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