



12.0 Environmental Record of the Proponent

CWF is a special purpose vehicle created for the Project, and is a subsidiary of Ark Energy Projects Pty Ltd (Ark Energy). Ark Energy is a leading Australian renewable energy company with a focus on the development of utility scale wind and solar projects across Australia. Ark Energy (through the former Epuron) has been developing renewable energy projects since 2003, with the successful permitting of over 4,000 MW of wind farm projects and over 400 MW of solar farm projects. Ark Energy is committed to avoiding, minimising and mitigating potential environmental impacts through the development of its renewable energy project portfolio. Ark Energy's projects have a history of responsible environmental management.

There are no past or present proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment, or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against Ark Energy.

Ark Energy aims to ensure that all of its developments meet industry best practice, and that development practices are continually improved. Ark Energy is a leader in the renewable energy industry's best practice endeavours; contributing to the development of various government and industry guidelines, and taking a lead on project commitments. For example, Epuron was the first company in Australia to propose a community development fund as part of a renewable energy project, a commitment that continues to this day. This is a commitment that CWF is proposing in an industry-leading manner, as described in **Section 13.1.3**.

For the Chalumbin Wind Farm Project, Ark Energy will commit the Project to a suite of management actions outlined in this PER and associated documents. The tendering process to award construction contracts for the Project will consider past environmental performance, environmental policy and environmental management systems.