Wind farms are not considered to increase fire risk. In fact, in most cases wind farms benefit the community via their large access track network, additional personnel on site during construction and operation and the fire mitigation measures required by the responsible authority.

There are several fire mitigation measures in place at the Salt Creek Wind Farm.

**Salt Creek Wind Farm fire safety infrastructure**
- Two 22,500 litre tanks on site which remain full year round for fire use only;
- During construction, a stand pipe with capacity to pump 16,000 litres of water in three minutes; and
- Eight kilometres of tracks for easy access and fire breaks.

**Salt Creek Wind Farm construction fire safety measures**
- All vehicles are restricted to paved roads on Total Fire Ban days;
- No “hot work” such as cutting, grinding, welding or heat shrinking cables on Total Fire Ban days;
- Smoking only on hardstand areas (on TFB days workers are required to return to the site compound to smoke); and
- 12 staff with fire training to assist the CFA.

**Low risk of fire**
The risk of fire at wind farms is very low for the following reasons:
- Flammable elements are located high above the ground;
- There is little vegetation around the base of a turbine tower;
- Automatic systems shut turbines down if component temperatures are outside acceptable limits; and
- Installation of wind farm access tracks provide the ability to efficiently combat fires.

**Assisting fire fighters**
Access roads constructed as part of the wind farm infrastructure assist firefighters by:
- Providing access to often inaccessible areas;
- Serving as a control line;
- Creating natural fire breaks; and
- Providing staging areas for firefighting in their cleared areas.

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