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Subject: ENQ231138 — Lal Lal Wind Farm Y23 Blade Failure — Updated Site Footage and Clean-up Status — 27 August 2026
Date: 27 August 2026 at 9:49 pm
To: SouthWest Region SouthWest.Region@epa.vic.gov.au
Cc: EPA Victoria Customer Service contact@epa.vic.gov.au

OR

Attention: EPA South West Region

Dear EPA Victoria,

I write on behalf of **LEWIS TROJAN HORSE PTY LTD**, as Trustee of the **Owen Robert Inter Vivos Trust**, concerning the blade failure involving turbine Y23 at the Yendon section of the Lal Lal Wind Farm on **15 May 2026**.

The Trustee refers specifically to EPA Victoria's correspondence to the Beneficiary dated **15 June 2026**, reference **ENQ231138**.

In that correspondence, EPA advised:

"EPA is making enquiries into the broken wind farm blade at Lal Lal Wind Farm."

EPA further stated:

"EPA's role is limited to ensuring appropriate disposal and clean-up following the incident."

EPA also advised at that time that the video footage previously offered by the Beneficiary was not required for that purpose.

Updated footage — 27 August 2026

The Trustee has today received further footage which was supplied to the Beneficiary by a third party and subsequently provided to the Trustee for documentary and administrative purposes.

The footage is attached to this correspondence.

It is provided to EPA because it records the apparent current condition of the Y23 incident area on 27 August 2026, and permits comparison with the earlier footage provided following the incident.

Today is **104 days after the blade failure of 15 May 2026**.

The later footage appears to show substantial blade sections and numerous smaller fragments remaining within and around the incident area. Compared with the earlier footage, no material general clean-up of the dispersed debris is apparent from the visual record.

The Trustee does not suggest from the footage alone that no recovery, disposal or remediation work whatsoever has occurred during the intervening period. Rather, the footage is provided so that EPA can assess the present visible condition against the enquiries EPA advised it was undertaking and against EPA's expressly stated role of **"ensuring appropriate disposal and clean-up following the incident."**

The Trustee also notes that Lal Lal Wind Farm continues to state publicly that it is working with relevant stakeholders and authorities to **"safely manage the incident."**

Lal Lal Wind Farm environmental-management record

The Trustee has also reviewed Lal Lal Wind Farm's published and endorsed environmental-management documentation.

That documentation provides that where an environmental incident or non-conformance occurs on site, the environmental incident, non-conformance and corrective actions are to be recorded in the **Environmental Register**; internal incident-management procedures are to be followed; and the Environmental Incidents Register is to be available for public inspection. It also provides for environmental-incident, non-conformance and corrective-action reporting.

That material appears relevant to understanding how the Y23 incident and continuing debris recovery are being environmentally managed.

Request for EPA clarification

In light of the passage of **104 days**, the present footage and EPA's earlier stated role, would EPA please clarify:

1. the present status of the enquiries EPA advised on 15 June 2026 it was making into the broken wind turbine blade;
2. whether EPA has subsequently inspected the Y23 incident area, or otherwise independently verified the extent and present status of debris recovery and clean-up;
3. whether EPA has received from Lal Lal Wind Farm any incident report, Environmental Register entry, clean-up or disposal plan, corrective-action record, remediation information or environmental assessment concerning the incident;
4. whether EPA has assessed, or required the operator to assess, the extent of dispersed blade material across the surrounding land;
5. whether EPA has assessed the potential for dispersed material to enter or affect drainage lines, waterways or other receiving environments;
6. whether EPA has identified or required any particular clean-up, disposal, remediation, monitoring or other environmental action arising from the incident;
7. whether EPA presently considers the **appropriate disposal and clean-up following the incident to be complete**;
8. if not, what further disposal, clean-up or remediation EPA understands remains outstanding, and whether EPA has been provided with a timeframe for its completion; and
9. having regard to the attached footage, whether EPA considers the condition visible on **27 August 2026** to be consistent with the **"appropriate disposal and clean-up"** referred to in EPA's correspondence of 15 June 2026.

Surrounding environmental context

For completeness, information presently available to the Trustee places turbine Y23 approximately **2.5 kilometres in a straight line from Lal Lal Reservoir**.

The Trustee also records that substantial rainfall has occurred across the locality during the intervening period, including an approximately **42 mm** rainfall event on **10 August 2026**.

11:44 AM CEST on 10 August 2026.

These matters are provided as environmental context only. **The Trustee does not assert that blade material or contaminants have entered a drainage line, waterway or reservoir.**

Rather, they are identified because the passage of time, rainfall and continuing presence of dispersed material make it appropriate to understand whether surrounding land, drainage and receiving environments have formed part of EPA's assessment.

Public documentary record

For completeness, the Trustee maintains the **Lal Lal Wind Farm Record**, a public documentary record concerning the wind farm.

The dedicated incident page now brings together the original incident material, subsequent footage, documentary chronology and later site-condition record:

<https://lallalwindfarmrecord.com.au/blade-removal-processing.html#y23-blade-failure-2026>

The Trustee also maintains the **Lal Lal Wind Farm Record Facebook page**, through which public-facing updates concerning the documentary record are published.

These resources are identified for EPA's information and to provide convenient access to the developing public record. They do not replace the attached footage or the specific matters on which the Trustee seeks EPA's clarification.

The Trustee would be grateful if the **27 August 2026 footage and this correspondence could be added to EPA's existing record associated with ENQ231138.**

Given EPA's expressly stated role in relation to appropriate disposal and clean-up, the Trustee respectfully seeks EPA's **current substantive position on that issue**, rather than referral of the matter to another regulator.

This enquiry is made for administrative and record purposes. The Trustee makes no finding as to environmental harm, contamination or regulatory non-compliance and seeks EPA's clarification concerning those matters falling within the role EPA itself identified in its correspondence of 15 June 2026.

Kind regards,

LEWIS TROJAN HORSE PTY LTD (ACN 693 680 509)
as Trustee of the **Owen Robert Inter Vivos Trust**

From: EPA Victoria Customer Service contact@epa.vic.gov.au
Subject: EPA Victoria ENQ231138 Lal Lal Wind Farm
Date: 15 June 2026 at 8:37 am
To: [REDACTED]



Hi Owen,

Thank you for contacting us regarding Lal Lal Wind Farm.

EPA is making enquiries into the broken wind farm blade at Lal Lal Wind Farm.

EPA's role is limited to ensuring appropriate disposal and clean-up following the incident.

The video footage you have offered is not required for this purpose, but may be relevant to other regulators, such as Energy Safe Victoria or WorkSafe Victoria.

If you need any further help, please contact us on 1300 372 842.

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Kind regards,

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