Decision Notice
Generation Licence –Wishart Biogas Power Facility

UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Decision

In accordance with section 16 of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000* (ER Act), the Commission has granted a generation licence to Environmental Keystones (ABN 17 672 363 870), authorising the generation of electricity at the Wishart Biogas power facility, located at 17 Dolly Court, Wishart, Northern Territory.

Background

On 22 May 2026, Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd applied for a generation licence in relation to the Wishart Biogas power facility, a proposed renewable electricity generating facility.

The Wishart Biogas power facility is a proposed 2 MW baseload renewable generation facility comprising four 500 kW biogas engine-generators fuelled by biogas produced through the thermal decomposition of green waste. The facility will export electricity to the Darwin–Katherine Interconnected System through an 11 kV embedded generation connection to the Power and Water Corporation distribution network.

The proposed connection and export of electricity to the Darwin–Katherine Interconnected System will require Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd to enter into the necessary connection arrangements with Power and Water Corporation and satisfy Power and Water Corporation's applicable connection requirements.

Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd has advised that assembly of the facility is planned to occur over a three-to-four-month period from September to December 2026, with commercial operations targeted to commence in February 2027.

Assessment

In assessing the application, the Commission considered the requirements of section 16 of the ER Act and the matters specified in section 6(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act 2000*.

The Commission is satisfied that Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd is a suitable person to hold a generation licence. Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd has demonstrated access to appropriate commercial, financial, technical and human resources to undertake the proposed generation operations. The Commission notes that Environmental Keystones Pty Ltd has engaged experienced personnel and specialist contractors to support the development, construction, commissioning and operation of the facility.

The Commission is also satisfied that the proposed generating plant has, or will have, the necessary characteristics to generate electricity of an appropriate quality for connection to the Darwin–Katherine Interconnected System.

The Commission has also considered the results of public consultation. A public version of the application was published on the Commission's website and stakeholders were invited to make submissions. The consultation period closed on 24 July 2026. No submissions were received and no stakeholder concerns were identified that would affect the assessment of the application.