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### **THE HON DAN TEHAN MP**

MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
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### **Bullecourt Wind farms**

Statement from Minister for Defence Personnel and Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan on the announcement that a project to build wind farms at the site of the Battle of Bullecourt would not proceed.

"What a great reminder that we will never forget," Mr Tehan said.

"This is wonderful news for every Australian and especially those with a family connection to the Battle of Bullecourt.

"Some 2300 Australians who died at Bullecourt have no known grave and Australians were rightly concerned about the potential impact of a construction project at the site.

"The ENGIE Group has listened to the concerns of the Australian people and they have acted with empathy by cancelling this project.

"I would like to thank the ENGIE Group, who listened to our concerns, for the respect they have shown for the sacrifice made by Australian soldiers on French soil one hundred years ago and the French Government, who made representations on behalf of Australia.

"Seeing how passionate Australians were about protecting the final resting place of the Bullecourt soldiers was a powerful reminder that we will never forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women who fight for our freedom and values."

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