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NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Energy, Resources and Industry Assessments
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street
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Dear Jess Watson,

Proposal: SSD-60247211 - Wallaby Creek Wind Farm
Property: Tantitha Road, Narromine.

Thank you for your correspondence (email) dated 6 May 2026 regarding the abovementioned project and the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Council officers have undertaken a preliminary assessment of the proposal and the following comments are provided:

Planning Agreement

From Dubbo Regional Council's perspective, with regard to projects that are near to Dubbo's LGA boundary, and/or where access/transport is proposed using local Dubbo roads, Council will seek to negotiate a Planning Agreement in collaboration with the neighbouring council, in this instance being Narromine Shire Council.

At this stage negotiations have not commenced.

Workforce Accommodation

Council's comments with regard to the SEARs read as follows:

With the range, timing and workforce requirements of projects in the Central West and Orana Renewable Energy Zone, workforce accommodation is required to be carefully considered.

As the largest urban centre within proximity to the project site, it can be assumed that a significant percentage of workforce accommodation requirements will be sought in Dubbo. It is important to ensure that accommodation requirements can be managed for the project having regard to the range of accommodation required across the Region.

Council requests that the EIS include a preliminary accommodation plan, which identifies the accommodation requirements of the project, existing accommodation and how the project is proposing to provide accommodation for employees.

The EIS makes reference to developing a Workforce Accommodation Management Plan (WAMP) specifying camp requirements.

Appendix U – Social Impact Assessment notes that both Dubbo Regional Council and Narromine Shire Council are supportive of permanent/long-term housing. Yet the proposal is to construct an on-site accommodation camp within the Project area, anticipated to house approximately 70% of the construction workforce.

Biodiversity

There are some issues with the BDAR. Species identifications are not consistent, particularly regarding bats. In some parts of the document Corbens Long Eared and Yellow Bellied Sheathtail bats are not accounted for and in others they are identified as needing to be. Species are assumed to be present where adequate surveying is likely to indicate absence, this is a precautionary approach and is compliant with the BAM.

The assessed impact to flying species is inadequate. The monitoring and offsetting of impacts post construction is problematic. Killed animals may be scavenged, these impacts are consistently under-reported. There is no effective mechanism for offsetting impacts post approval.

The Avoid and Minimise test discussion is difficult to account for. Claims that the project area has been reduced are contradicted by increased footprint area and increases to areas of Grey Box EEC (from 24-74 ha), Fuzzy Box CEEC is a 33ha loss.

Transport corridors appear to be effectively bypassing existing wooded corridors, but mapping (F6-9, sheets 6,7 and 9) clearly shows areas of existing habitat which could be avoided at minor cost to the project.

Key Fish Habitats are being impacted, adequate conditioning is required and not yet available.

Koala habitat is impacted (52ha reduction) and appears inadequately accounted for, connectivity is being lost which will have flow on impacts that do not appear to be accounted for.

Current mapped transport corridors transit over existing dams.

Transport corridor comments are derived from the BDAR rather than the transport strategy.

If you have any enquiries in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Darryll Quigley during normal office hours, on 6801 4000.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Quigley', written in a cursive style.

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