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Hilltops Council submission on Rye Park Wind Farm Modification 2 (SSD-6693-Mod-2).

Dear Julia,

Hilltops Council has no objection to the proposed State Significant Development Modification (SSD-6693-Mod-2) Amendment to Development Corridor for Rye Park Wind Farm.

Council from review of the Modification Application notes that the proposal involves updates to the Development Corridor – Wind Farm along several sections of Access Tracks to increase efficiencies in the overall Project layout. The Modification is also responding to ongoing consultation with landholders and progression of the detailed design of the Rye Park Wind Farm development.

Council notes that under the Modification Application 2 Report Section 6.0 Assessment of Impacts, the Modified Development Corridor will impact upon on Biodiversity, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Traffic and Transport and provides the following comments:

Biodiversity (vegetation)

Council notes that as a result of the Modification there will be an overall reduction in the impacts of biodiversity values due to change in Development Corridor and Access tracks. An overall reduction on the impact of biodiversity of 35.11 hectares across 10 Vegetation Zones is a favourable outcome that Hilltops Council welcomes.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Council notes that the additional Aboriginal heritage sites listed in Table 9 are located outside the proposed Development Corridor – Wind Farm relevant to the Modification Application.



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Additionally, Council notes that there was one isolated stone artefact, and one area of Potential Archaeological Deposit recorded as a result of the Modification Application Survey.

Traffic and Transport

Council notes the use of a section of Walla Lane as a part of the modification and as articulated in the Modification Application that the road is under the care and control of DPE-Crown Lands not Hilltops Council.

Hilltops Council appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the State Significant Development Modification Application.

Please contact Council's Senior Strategic Planner, Mr Bryce Weedon, on 02 6384 2539 or bryce.weedon@hilltops.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions, require further information or clarification on this submission.

Yours sincerely,



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