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Dear Mr Way

**RE: REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON EIS FOR SDD-53293710 MALLEE WIND FARM
WENTWORTH SHIRE, NEW SOUTH WALES**

Thank you for referring the abovementioned request to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment. Defence understands that the Environmental Impact Statement is for a proposed Wind Farm Project encompassing approximately 76 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG's), with maximum blade-tip heights up to approximately 280m Above Ground Level (AGL) and 7 Wind Monitoring Towers (WMTs), with a maximum 200 metres AGL at a location approximately 16km north east of Buronga, New South Wales.

Defence has conducted a review of the Aviation Impact Assessment (AIA) (Appendix 20 to the EIS) by Aviation Projects dated 25 September 2024 for potential impacts on the safety of military flying operations, as well as, possible interference to Defence communications and radar. On this basis Defence has no objection to the proposed wind farm provided that it complies with the following.

The proposed WMG's and WMT's are to meet the requirements for reporting of tall structures. There is an ongoing need to obtain and maintain accurate information about tall structures so that this information can be marked on aeronautical charts. Marking tall structures on aeronautical charts assists pilot navigation and enhances flight safety.

Airservices Australia (ASA) is responsible for recording the location and height of tall structures. The information is held in a central database managed by ASA and relates to the erection, extension, or dismantling of tall structures, the top of which is above:

- a. 30 metres AGL, that are within 30 kilometres of an aerodrome; and
- b. 45 metres AGL elsewhere.

Defence therefore requests that the following processes be followed:

1. Complete the Vertical Obstacle Notification Form: ATS-FORM 0085_Verical_Obstruction_Data_Form.pdf (airservicesaustralia.com)

2. Submit completed form to: VOD@airservicesaustralia.com as soon as the development reaches the maximum height.

For further information regarding the reporting of tall structures, please contact the VOD team:

- Phone - (02) 6268 5622
- Email - VOD@airservicesaustralia.com
- Or refer to: Civil Aviation Safety Regulation Part 175 — Airservices and You - Airservices (airservicesaustralia.com)

Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, my point of contact is Anthony Deutschmann at land.planning@defence.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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