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Dear Mr Griffin

**Subject: Capital Wind Farm Near Tarago – Director-General’s Requirements**

I refer to the Department’s previous correspondence dated 10 August 2005 regarding the above project’s assessment under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act). With regard to the Director General’s requirements for the Environmental Assessment, this letter replaces the advice given in the previous correspondence.

Pursuant to clause 8J(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the Director-General hereby adopts the requirements previously issued on 24 September 2004 subject to certain modifications, as Director-General’s requirements for the Capital Wind Farm project. These modifications include reference to certain administrative matters under Part 3A of the EP&A Act and the need to focus on key environmental issues including:

- visual impacts on the broad landscape that is going to be intruded upon, and the effect on individual residences;
- operational noise impacts taking into account the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority’s *Wind Farms: Environmental Guidelines*’ (2003);
- impacts on cultural heritage in accordance with the draft *Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and Community Consultation* (July, 2005), prepared by the Department of Environment and Conservation;
- impacts on threatened species in accordance with the draft *Guidelines for Threatened Species Assessment* (July, 2005), prepared by the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Primary Industries; and
- providing a clear and substantiated explanation of the likely power output taking account of capacity factors, National Electricity Market operations, what other fuel sources will genuinely be displaced, and likely overall greenhouse gas benefits. Also any implications for reserve generating capacity should be discussed.

The modified Director-General’s requirements are attached.

Please contact Paul Weiner if you have any inquires.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson  
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As delegate for the Director-General

## CAPITAL WIND FARM

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART 3A OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

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| <b>Project</b>                     | The proposed wind farm would include up to 63 x 2.1 MW turbines. A substation will be constructed on site and connect to the TransGrid 330 kV transmission line that traverses the southern boundary of the project area.   |
| <b>Site</b>                        | Located west of the village of Tarago over an area 7 km from east to west and 11 km north to south. The site is located within the Palerang Council.  |
| <b>Proponent</b>                   | Renewable Power Ventures Pty Ltd  |
| <b>Date of Expiration</b>          | These Environmental Assessment requirements expire 24 September 2006.   |
| <b>General Requirements</b>        | <p>The Environmental Assessment must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an executive summary;</li> <li>• a description of the proposal, including construction, operation, and any staging;</li> <li>• details of the location of the project and environmental planning provisions applicable to the site and the project;</li> <li>• consideration of alternatives to the project;</li> <li>• an assessment of the environmental impacts of the project, with particular focus on the key assessment requirements specified below;</li> <li>• proposed mitigation/ management measures of residual environmental impacts;</li> <li>• justification for undertaking the project with consideration of the benefits/ impacts of the proposal, and proposed management/ mitigation/ monitoring;</li> <li>• a draft Statement of Commitments for environmental mitigation, management and monitoring for the project; and</li> <li>• certification by the author of the Environmental Assessment that the information contained in the Environmental Assessment is neither false nor misleading.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Key Assessment Requirements</b> | The Environmental Assessment must assess the issues specified in the Director-General's requirements previously issued to you on the 24 September 2004.   |
| <b>Consultation Requirements</b>   | <p>You must undertake an appropriate and justified level of consultation with the following parties during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Department of Environment &amp; Heritage;</li> <li>• Environment ACT;</li> <li>• Civil Aviation Safety Authority;</li> <li>• Department of Defence;</li> <li>• Department of Primary Industries;</li> <li>• Department of Environment &amp; Conservation;</li> <li>• Department of Natural Resources;</li> <li>• Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability;</li> <li>• Department of Lands – regarding whether there are any issues associated with Crown land;</li> <li>• NSW Health (Environmental Health Branch) – regarding magnetic fields;</li> <li>• Roads and Traffic Authority;</li> <li>• Relevant Catchment Management Authorities;</li> <li>• Country Energy;</li> <li>• Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia;</li> <li>• Relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils and tribal representatives;</li> <li>• Taylors Creek Rural Fire Service;</li> <li>• Palerang Council;</li> <li>• Goulburn Mulwaree Council;</li> <li>• Local Aircraft Landing Area Owners; and</li> <li>• Relevant Landcare groups.</li> </ul> <p>The Environmental Assessment must clearly indicate issues raised by stakeholders during consultation, and how those matters have been addressed in the Environmental Assessment.</p> |

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| <b>Landowners Information</b>                         | <p>When submitting the Environmental Assessment for an adequacy check under Section 75H(1) of the EP&amp;A Act:</p> <p>(a) the consent of the landowner should be provided if required under Section 8F of the Regulations; and</p> <p>(b) the proponent is to provide mailing details of adjoining landowners and occupiers for all properties marked on a map.</p> |
| <b>Exhibition of EA and notification requirements</b> | Pursuant to Section 75H(3) of the EP&A Act, the Environmental Assessment must be exhibited for a minimum of 30 days.   |
| <b>Peer Review</b>                                    | Not required at this stage.  |
| <b>Panels constituted under s75G</b>                  | No Panels are required at this stage.  |
| <b>Deemed refusal period</b>                          | Pursuant to clause 8E(2) of the EP&A Regulation, the deemed refusal period for the project will be 120 days.   |