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Mr Toby Philp
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Via email: toby.philp@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Toby,

Re: Glen Innes Wind Farm Project DA MP07_0036

We refer to our previous discussions, to our Development Approval, the Final Orders of the Land and Environment Court dated 18 August 2010, and to our DA modification (MP07_0036 Mod 1) of August 2013. Satisfaction of the current consent conditions is required by 18 August 2014 to keep the Project Approval current, or we are required to request an extension of time prior to that date.

We would like to officially request an extension of time under modification of clause 1.5 of our current approved DA, for a further 12 months in order to adequately meet our obligations under the DA. We acknowledge that this is a second time request, but this does have a valid basis as explained below.

As a result of the new investment in this project by OneWind Australia Pty Ltd, the project approach has been updated, and a second modification has been prepared and was submitted to you in December 2013 (MP07_0036 Mod 2) regarding a change in the wind turbine size envelope. The outcome of this modification is currently being awaited.

The Australian government is in the process of undertaking a review of the Renewable Energy Target (RET), a fundamental instrument needed for the continued success of the renewable industry in Australia. The outcome of that review is an essential step towards the completion of the Glen Innes wind farm, and the review is expected to be completed during the second half of 2014. An ongoing renewables target allows Glen Innes WindPower (GIWP) to achieve a suitable price for the sale of electricity, and to attract the required funding to complete the \$150 million (approx.) project.

These two points are the key final stages towards the completion of the project. Once Mod 02 is confirmed, we will be able to finalise our connection with TransGrid and complete final negotiations with a reputable European wind turbine manufacturer.

On the basis that this time extension modification aligns with the environmental and community information updated in Mod 02, GIWP has not provided additional information at this time.

You have requested that we comment on the ongoing impacts of the project's uncertainty on the surrounding neighbours, landowners and community. From the perspective of GIWP, the project remains a certainty to proceed. The delays in progressing have been generated by the overall uncertainty in the RET and its review in 2014 as discussed above. Given a positive response to the review later in 2014, combined with the expected approval of our wind turbine size modification, our project will move forward and into construction in late 2014 or early 2015.

With regard to relevant stakeholders, GIWP advises that we are paying landowners rent as agreed in our leases with them, and liaise regularly to update them regarding the project progress. The community continues to be consulted. We have quarterly community consultation committee meetings where the committee is updated on progress and given relevant information on the project. Our project website is due to go live in the coming weeks, and this will provide more direct information to the overall community. Information relating to the website will be advertised locally in Glen Innes.

The delay in the project does not fundamentally affect our neighbours' actions or their ability to carry on with business as usual, and while the overall RET uncertainty affects many people in Australia, the current project delay is not due to uncertainty.

We believe that the Glen Innes project remains valid and is justified under the current renewables climate. It is an ongoing renewable energy project under the current Federal Renewable Energy Target scheme. Given the information outlined above, the Glen Innes project will be one of a very few projects ready to commence construction within the next 12 months.

The project provides for a number of local jobs during construction and permanent jobs during the operational lifetime of the project. This will inject a considerable amount of income for the region as well as provide a steady income for the Council and the wider community through increased rates and the A\$75,000 community fund commitment that is embedded into the project conditions.

Our request for an extension will allow these benefits at the Federal and Local level to be continued.

We look forward to your favourable response.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Stangroom
Glen Innes WindPower Pty Ltd