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Attention: Kane Winwood

Dear Sir

**Sapphire Wind Farm (MP 09_0093)
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter of 17 November 2011 inviting a submission regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Sapphire Wind Farm project.

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the EA on the basis that the former legislative provisions under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 apply to this project and provide the following recommended conditions of approval for consideration in the final determination:

- The proponent must obtain relevant licenses to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water under the *Water Act 1912* or *Water Management Act 2000* (as applicable) for all activities which intercept or extract groundwater prior to commencement of these activities.
- The proponent must obtain relevant licenses/permits to the satisfaction of the NSW Office of Water under the *Water Act 1912* or *Water Management Act 2000* (as applicable) for the extraction and use of surface water prior to commencement of these activities.
- The Soil and Water Management Plan will be provided to the NSW Office of Water for review prior to project commencement.

Should you require further information please contact Rohan Macdonald, Planning and Assessment Coordinator on (02) 4904 2642 at the Newcastle office.

Yours sincerely

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