

15 July 2024



Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
12 Darcy St
Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Iwan Davies,

Boco Rock Wind Farm (09_0103)-Mod 1 – condition 3.3 Bird and Bat Monitoring

Boco Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd is seeking an extension of time from the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to submit the annual bird and bat monitoring report consistent with condition 3.3 of Boco Rock Wind Farm NSW Development Consent 09_0103 Modification 1.

Schedule 2, Condition 3.3 states:

Prior to the commencement of construction of Stage One, the Proponent shall prepare and submit for the approval of the Planning Secretary a Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Program for Stage One, which takes account of bird/ bat monitoring methods identified in the current editions of *AusWEA Best Practice Guidelines for the Implementation of Wind Energy Projects in Australia* and *Wind Farm and Birds: Interim Standards for Risk Assessment*. The Program shall be prepared and implemented by a suitably qualified expert, approved by the Planning Secretary. The Program shall incorporate Monitoring, and a Decision Matrix that clearly sets out how the Proponent will respond to the outcomes of monitoring. It shall:

[...]

f) identify matters to be addressed in periodic reports in relation to the outcomes of monitoring, the application of the decision making framework, the mitigation measure identified, progress with the implementation of such measures, and their success.

The Reports referred to under part f) shall be submitted to the Planning Secretary on an annual basis for the first five years of operation and every two years thereafter from the commencement of operation (unless otherwise agreed to by the Planning Secretary), and shall be prepared within two months of the end of the reporting period. The Planning Secretary may, at the request of the Proponent, vary the reporting requirement or period by notice in writing to the Proponent. The Proponent may request the Planning Secretary to consider a variation to the reporting requirements at any time.

Boco Rock Wind Farm is requesting an extension until 30 August 2024 (an additional 4 weeks of time) for the completion and submission of the annual Bird and Bat monitoring report. The request for extension is due to consultant and subconsultant resourcing issues, which are delaying the finalisation of the report.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. If you require additional information or would like to further discuss, please contact Zeina Jokadar on 0476882365 or zeina.jokadar@squadronenergy.com

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zeina", written over a horizontal line.

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