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**Subject: White Rock Wind Farm (MP10\_0160) Modification 7 – Response to Scoping Letter**

Dear Elaine,

I refer to your scoping letter dated 31 October 2025 regarding a proposed modification to the development consent for the White Rock Wind Farm (MP10\_0160). I understand the modification would seek approval to modify Stage 2 to:

- increase the generation capacity of Stage 2 from approximately 173 MW to 260 MW;
- reduce the maximum number of turbines from 48 to 26;
- refine the turbine layout, electrical reticulation network and access tracks;
- alter turbine specifications, including increasing tip height from 200 m to 275 m; and
- addition of a 200 MW battery energy storage system.

## Scope of Modification

Based on the information provided in your scoping letter, the Department considers that the appropriate planning pathway for the modification application would be under Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, provided the modification report demonstrates that the modified development is substantially the same as the development for which consent was originally granted.

## Scope of Environmental Impact Assessment

The Department has reviewed your scoping letter and is generally satisfied with your preliminary identification of key study areas and proposed assessment approach for the modification.

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In regard to the landscape and visual assessment (LVIA) for the modification, I confirm that an assessment in accordance with the 2024 Wind Energy Guideline, including its Technical Supplement, would be required. However, I note that when applying the guideline to modifications, the level of assessment should be proportionate to the scale of the modification and likely additional impacts. It is recommended that your assessment focus on comparing the magnitude of impact of the modified development to that of the approved development, provided affected landscape, scenic quality classes, etc are closely aligned to the original assessment. The assessment must also provide a detailed assessment of any sensitive receivers located within the setback established under the Technical Supplement.

If you require further clarification on the LVIA methodology for the modification, I recommend that you prepare a draft methodology, supported by preliminary analysis, for discussion with the Department.

The Department consulted with the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) group within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. CPHR is satisfied with the proposed approach for the biodiversity assessment of MOD 7 (refer to Attachment A).

Notwithstanding, I remind you that the assessment of potential impacts of the proposed modification must cover all relevant matters, be consistent with contemporary guidelines and policies governing the assessment of these matters and include all feasible mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.

### Matters of National Environmental Significance

Any development likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to approvals required under NSW legislation.

It is your responsibility to contact the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act.

### Modification Report

Your modification report must be prepared having regard to the Department's State Significant Development Guidelines – including the [Preparing a Modification Report Guideline](#).

The Department emphasises the importance of consultation during the preparation of the modification report and refers you to the [Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects](#).

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### Benefit Sharing


I note that the Department's Benefit Sharing Guidelines for renewable energy projects applies to the modification. Details of the proposed benefit sharing model must be provided in your modification application.

Your next steps will be to lodge your modification application through your dashboard on the Major Projects website (<http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>).

Please contact the Department at least two weeks prior to submitting the modification application and note that the application fee must be paid in full prior to the Department accepting and exhibiting the application.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Emma-Rose Cooper on 02 9274 6039 or [emmarose.cooper@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emmarose.cooper@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Nicole Brewer".

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