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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Exhibition comments – Uungula Wind Farm (SSD 6687)**

Thank you for your email dated 22 May 2020 inviting WaterNSW to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development project (SSD 6687). The development application seeks approval to construct and operate 97 wind turbines, including ancillary facilities and infrastructure, and the ultimate decommission and rehabilitation of the commercial scale wind farm.

The subject site is bordered by WaterNSW lands to the south, including Lake Burrendong State Recreation Area. Burrendong Dam is a popular inland sport and recreation destination, with two holiday parks, an arboretum, and a popular NSW Sport and Recreation Centre located along the lake foreshores. The main purpose of the dam is to supply irrigation, stock and household needs in the Macquarie Valley, and environmental flows to the Macquarie Marshes.

The nature of the proposal is such that the potential for impacts on WaterNSW's assets and infrastructure is considered low, however the hydrological assessment undertaken by Eco Logical Australia (Appendix P, May 2020) does not adequately assess the potential impacts on the quantity and quality of surface and groundwater resources within the Burrendong Water Catchment Area. WaterNSW requests the applicant provide specific advice to address the direct and indirect impacts on the water catchment area and water storage.

WaterNSW requests the department continues to consult with us regarding proposals on land adjacent to and impacting on WaterNSW infrastructure, land or assets due to the potential for impact on water quality and water supply.

WaterNSW expects our concerns to be addressed in the Return of Submissions report and that the Department notify us when this is received. All correspondence should be emailed to [Environmental.Assessments@watnsw.com.au](mailto:Environmental.Assessments@watnsw.com.au).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Justine Clarke at [justine.clarke@watnsw.com.au](mailto:justine.clarke@watnsw.com.au).

Yours sincerely

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