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Dear Mr Ko,

Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) – Request to Amend Project

Thank you for your Major Projects portal referral dated 15 November 2022, seeking WaterNSW's comment on the proposed Project Amendments since the exhibition of the EIS. We understand the amendments are to reduce the number of turbines from 70 to 65 and the development footprint from 513 ha to 300 ha, as well as traffic route refinements. This is consistent with the Response to Submissions Amendment Report (ERM; December 2021), to which WaterNSW provided comments (our ref: D2022/2861).

As such, WaterNSW reiterates our suggested conditions for the determination of the Amended Project, to specifically manage and monitor surface water quality, hydrology and soil erosion impacts:

- *Prior to construction commencing, prepare a detailed Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP), outlining measures for the management and monitoring of surface water quality and hydrology during construction.*
- *An operating condition requiring that: The Applicant must ensure that the development does not cause any impacts on Chaffey Dam or the quality of water flowing into the Chaffey and Glenbawn catchments, including the implementation of all soil and water management and monitoring measures for the life of the project.*
- *Effective erosion and sediment controls shall be designed, installed and maintained for the duration of the project, in accordance with 'Managing urban stormwater: soils and construction. Vol. 1, 4th Edition' (the 'Blue Book') (Landcom, 2004).*
- *Access for WaterNSW staff and contractors is to be maintained for all monitoring sites and gauging stations during construction and operation.*

WaterNSW requests the Department continues to consult with WaterNSW for any development that may impact on our assets, infrastructure or land, using the email address Environmental.Assessments@waternsw.com.au.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at alison.kniha@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Kniha".

ALISON KNIHA
Catchment Protection Planning Manager