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### The Plains Wind Farm

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands has reviewed the proposal.

For use and access to Crown land/roads/waterways

As per section 2.4.1.1 Table 2-8 Land Titles of the Project Area and Figure 2-4 of the Plains Wind Farm Environmental Impact Statement Report, Crown Lands notes that there are a number of Crown roads within the project area. These roads may provide legal access to the development but may not provide practical access. The Department advises that these roads should not be relied upon for practical access to the project site. It is also proposed, in Figure 3.1, that transmission lines, internal cabling and possibly turbines may also be placed on or over Crown roads or land.

The Department will need to be referenced, prior to any use or occupation of any Crown roads or land, during the assessment phase.

Authority to use, traverse, access or build infrastructure on Crown land and roads is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*. It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands as early as possible to discuss and initiate the processes required to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land and roads.

If infrastructure needs to be built on Crown land or roads, the consent of the Minister for Water, Property and Housing must be obtained, via Crown Lands, and constructed roads may need to be transferred to Council. Further information regarding land owner's consent for Crown land and roads can be found at the following link: <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/resources/guides-and-factsheets>

There are multiple Crown roads, including Crown roads with enclosure permits, both within and adjoining the proposed development area. Please refer to the attached map, where Crown roads are shown in green colour and Crown roads with enclosure permits are shown in yellow colour. Any Crown road required for access to the development/proposal, will need to be transferred to Council, or application made to close and purchase the roads. As authority to access or use Crown roads is required prior to the commencement of any works or access, and to avoid any delays for the proposal, a tenure may be required in the interim. More information regarding Crown roads and Enclosure permits can be found at the following links:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/licences-leases-and-permits/information-about-crown-roads>  
and

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/licences-leases-and-permits/apply-or-manage-enclosure-permit>

Lineal Infrastructure (e.g. Pipelines and/or Electricity Transmission lines) traversing Crown land/roads

If lineal infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown land, roads and/or waterways, an easement over said Crown land, roads and/or waterways will be required for protection of the infrastructure. To discuss easement requirements, please contact the Acquisitions team at the earliest opportunity at: [cl.acquisitions@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.acquisitions@crownland.nsw.gov.au).

In order for transmission lines to traverse Crown land and/or roads, the proponent will need to apply for easements.

Information regarding the easement process is available at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/easements>

As the easement process may be lengthy, it is also recommended that the proponent apply for a licence for each Crown road and Crown land lot as soon as possible. A licence will temporarily authorise use and access for the infrastructure to traverse Crown roads and Crown land whilst the easement applications are being processed.

**Please note:** Easements will only be considered for other authorities that have the power of acquisition under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* all other proponents will be required to authorise the occupation of Crown Roads/Land by applying for a Crown Licence.

Details on how to apply for a licence are available at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/licences-leases-and-permits/apply-or-manage-licence>

The Department may also need to consider the transfer of the affected Crown roads to the local Council.

It is important to note that licences or easements must be in place before infrastructure can traverse Crown land or roads.

Travelling Stock Reserves/ Reserves/Commons/Aboriginal Land Claims/Native Title

It is noted that no Crown Reserve are within the project area but there is two access roads shown on figure 2.5 Project Initial Layout, one utilising an existing access road on the eastern side of the Cobb Highway south of the 220kv Transmission Line and the other appears to be a new access road on the western side of the Cobb Highway north of the 220kv Transmission Line.

The western access road passes through Lot 7304 DP 1149704 and the eastern access road passes through Lots 7303 & 7304 DP1149704 both are Travelling Stock Reserves. These are managed by Riverina Local Land Services and is currently the subject of an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC). As such, concurrence with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) would be required.

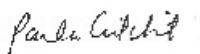
Additionally, a tenure will be required to authorise any use of and/or access to this lot, which may be subject to Native Title. This will need to occur prior to the commencement of any works.

Further information regarding Aboriginal Land Claims can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/aboriginal-land-rights-and-native-title/aboriginal-land-claims>

It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands to discuss any requirements as soon as possible, to avoid any possible delays and to ascertain to what extent Crown land, roads or waterways are required for the proposal.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Peter Bisset, NRM Project Officer in Crown Lands, on 02 6990 1801 or at [peter.bisset@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.bisset@crownland.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

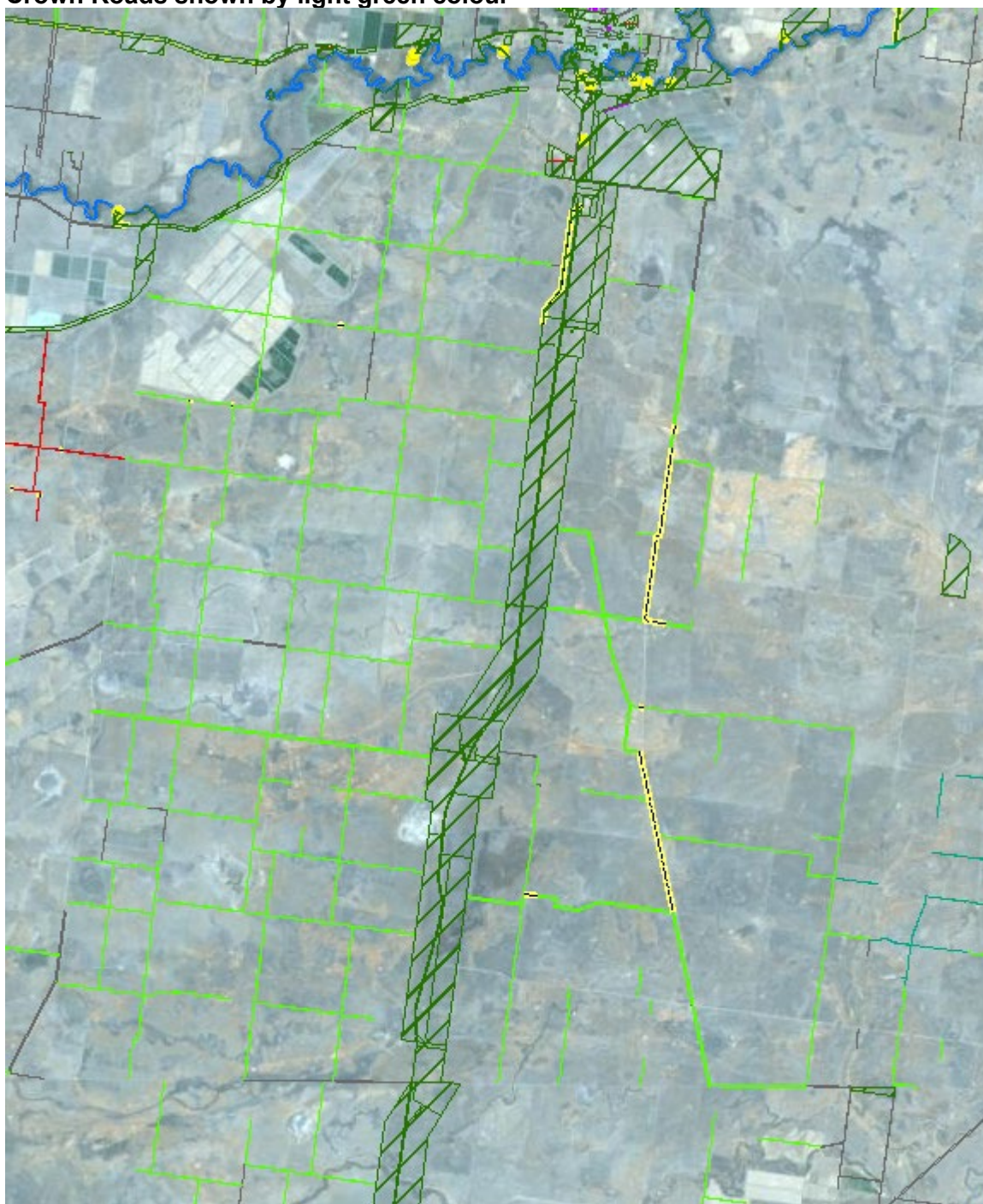


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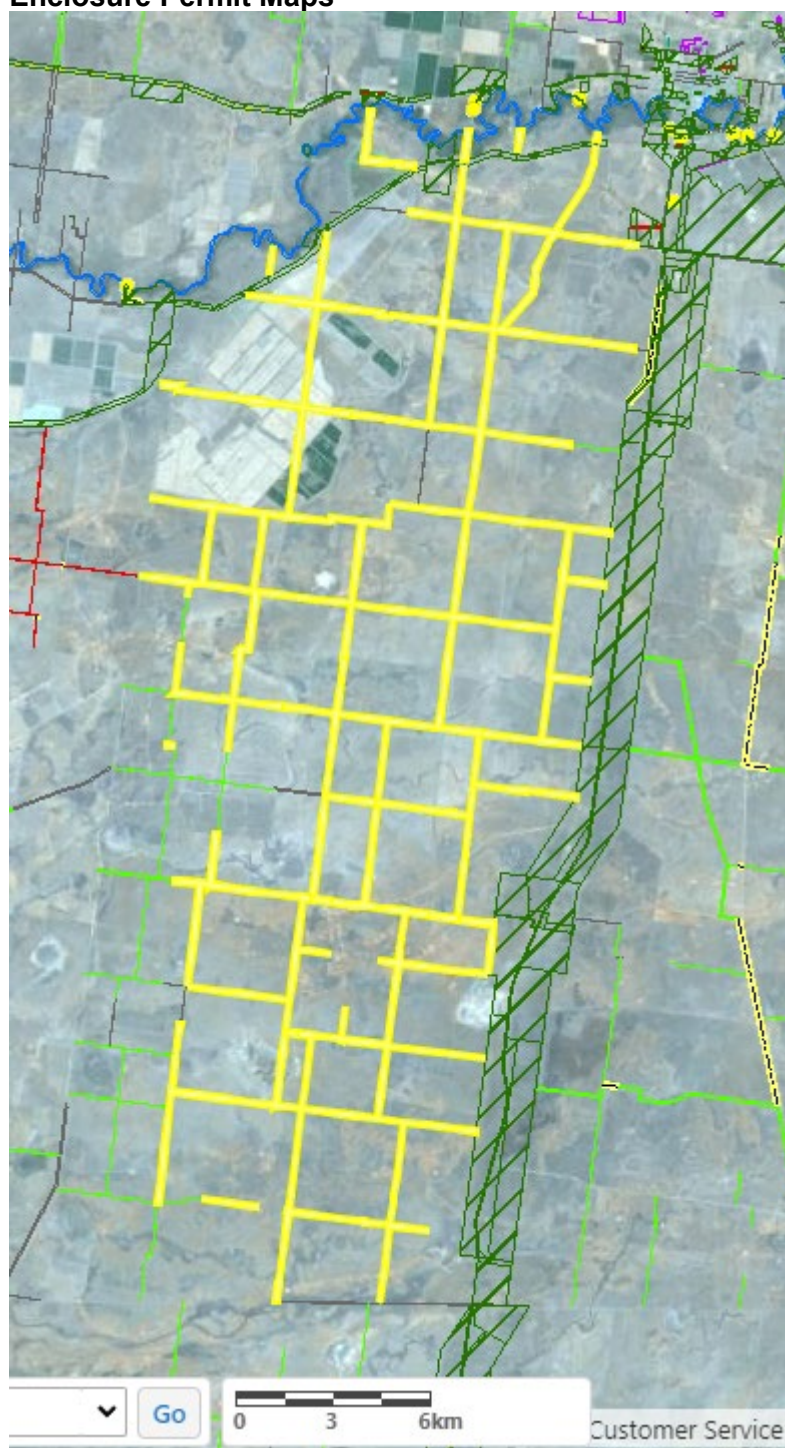
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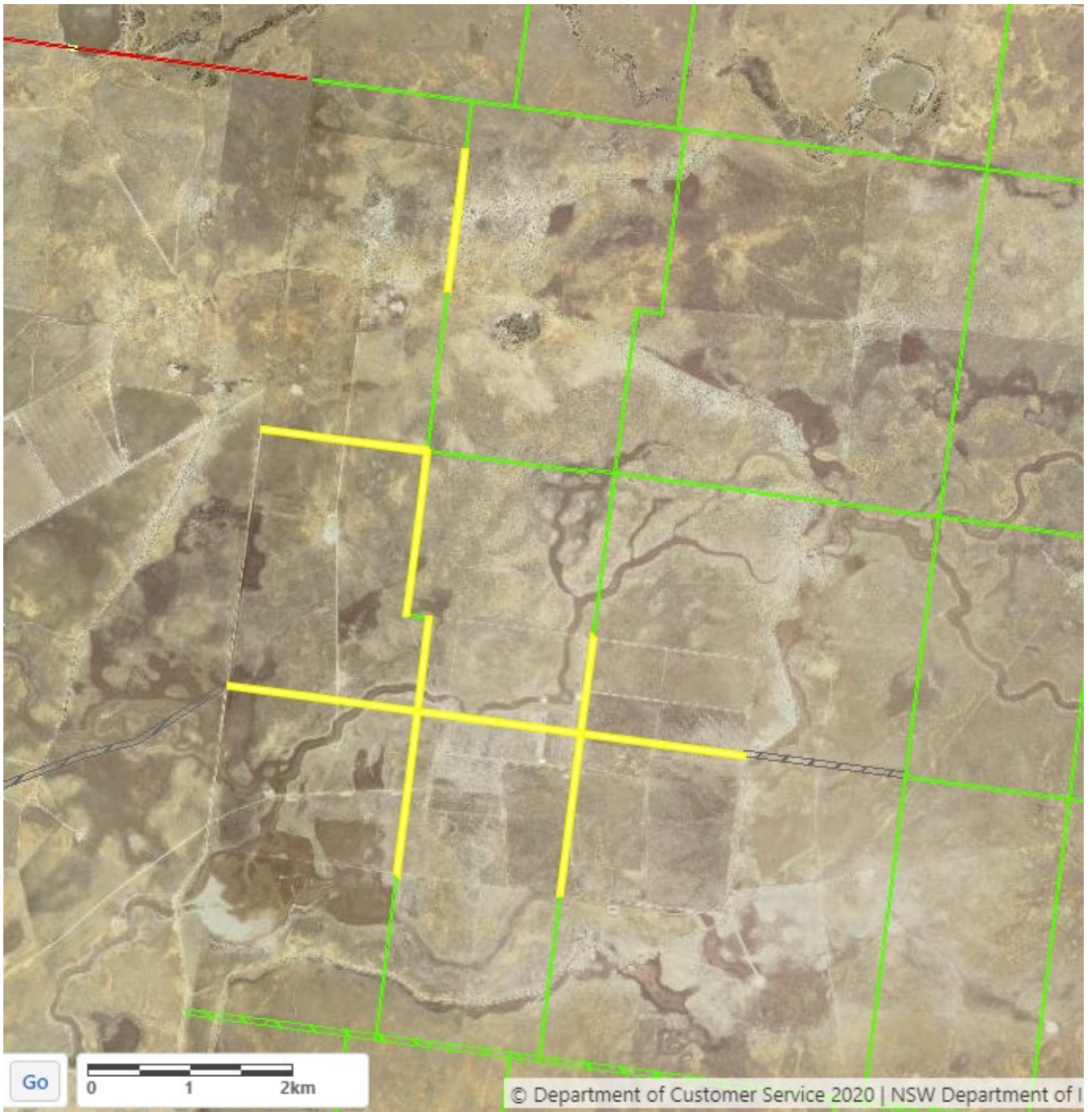




## Enclosure Permit Maps



Enclosure Permit 461579



Enclosure Permit 36887



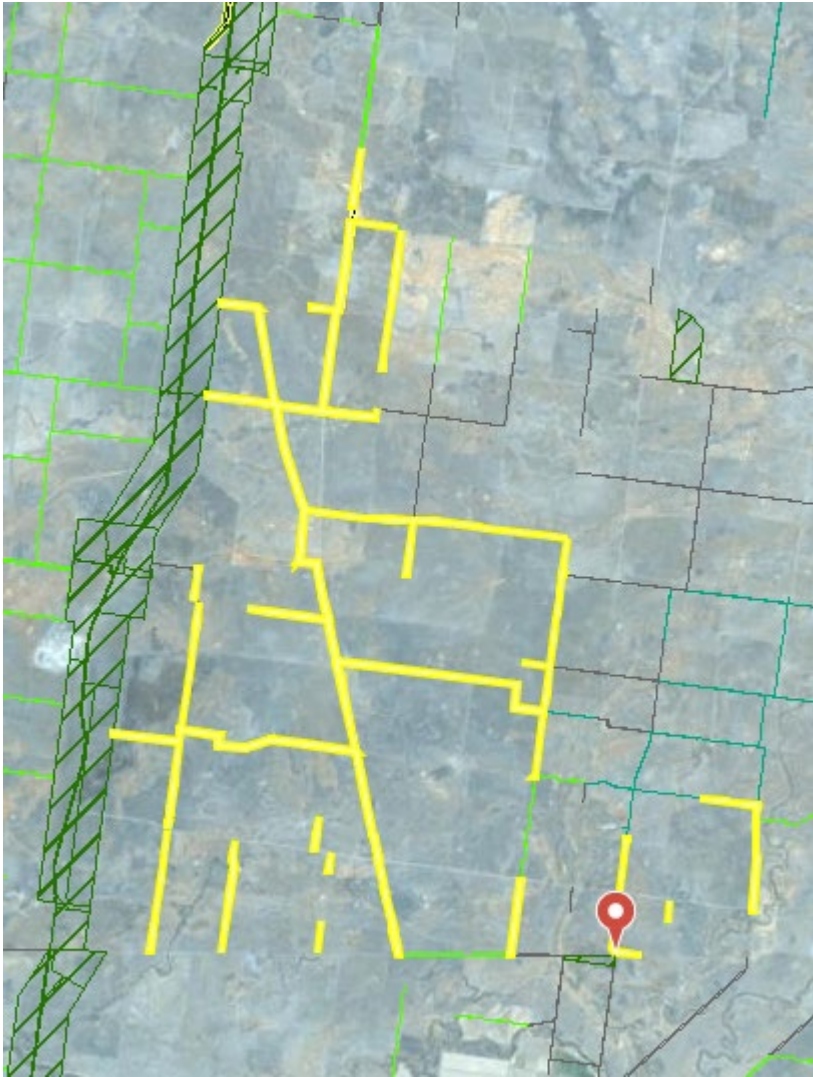


Enclosure Permit 599187



Enclosure Permit 493505





Enclosure Permit 37058