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Keri Keri Wind Farm – comments on EIS

Dear Lauren

Thank you for your referral of 23-5-2024 and the opportunity to provide comment on Keri Keri Wind Farm EIS.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

DPI Ag has reviewed the EIS and accompanying documentation and notes that the project EIS has considered the DPI SEARs requirements resulting in the perception that there would be minimal impact on regional agricultural productivity. However, there is still considerable impact on the hosting and neighbouring landholders. Although the EIS talks about various types of agreements with landholders, it is not clear what the mechanisms will be used for ongoing consultation with these landholders on the various aspects of construction, operation and decommissioning as outlined in the mitigation and management measures. The mitigation and management measures should include a specific measure that covers all impacted landholders being offered appropriate agreements and ongoing consultation arrangements covering the risks and issues raised in the EIS and accompanying documentation prior to commencement of works.

Similarly, a biosecurity and weed management plan should be developed prior to commencement of works. It should specifically consider the impact on agriculture of weeds, pests and pathogens and outline appropriate biosecurity protocols relevant to the local area and surrounding agricultural enterprises.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, I can be contacted by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely

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