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Re: Mount Lambie Wind Farm (SSD-86097208) – Draft SEARs

Dear Michael,

Thank you for advising the Forestry Corporation of NSW about the draft SEARs for the proposed Mount Lambie Wind Farm (the Project).

Following a review of the Scoping Report, the following additions are proposed for addition to the SEARs.

a) The Forest Industry

The forest industry is well established in the NSW Central West.

The Project will need to be designed, built and operated to mitigate any impacts on the neighbouring plantations (e.g., lands and soils, weeds, plantation establishment, tending and growth, fire management) and the forest industry operations (e.g., safety, access, roads, timber deliveries (local, and from Walcha, NSW), transport and traffic management, fire management, priority weeds and biosecurity, and land use conflict).

b) Hazards and Risks

The assessment of hazards and risks, and proposed mitigants should include:

- The preliminary investigation into potential site contamination should include a site baseline report, and testing of materials imported to site (e.g., gravel, sand) to ensure it is free of contaminants.
- Decommissioning of the Project.
- Fire prevention, management and fighting around all proposed energy infrastructure, including adjacent forests, woodlands and softwood plantations.

The risk assessment requirements for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) should align with the SEARs recently issued for Bookham and Sunny Corner Wind Farms, with mitigants proposed to include the impact of fire on the BESS, and the impact of a BESS fire on the neighbouring agricultural and forestry environment.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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