



Mr Jamie Chivers
Managing Director
Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Limited

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Via email: jamie.c@someva.com.au

**Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD 9679)
Request for Information**

Dear Mr Chivers

I refer to the proposed Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD 9679).

Further to our letter dated 11 February 2021 requesting a response to submissions received during the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement, and as discussed in recent meetings, the Department has concerns about the potential impacts of the project based on the information provided to date.

The Department requests that you provide additional information on the matters below:

- **Visual** – detailed assessment and consideration of visual impacts of the project on properties within the vicinity of the project for which:
 - dwellings are approved but yet to be constructed or are under construction;
 - a development application has been lodged, but a determination is yet to be made;
 - there are existing dwelling entitlements on the land;
- **Traffic and Transport**
 - clarify and assess the proposed vehicle access route and site access points (including consultation with the relevant roads authorities and potentially impacted residences);
 - provide a schedule of all proposed road works and upgrades; and
 - provide a detailed analysis of alternative route options and justification for the preferred option;
- **Biodiversity** – additional biodiversity assessment, including an updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR), with consideration of comments provided by the Biodiversity Conservation and Science directorate of the Department, including matters relating to National Parks and Wildlife Service's Estate;
- **Noise** – use worst-case traffic numbers in the traffic noise assessment and identify the dwellings predicted to experience exceedances of the Road Noise Policy criteria;
- **Aviation** – provide a lighting plan that identifies which wind turbines would have obstacle lighting installed and operating;
- **Soil and Water** – demonstrate that the proposed disturbance footprint includes an appropriate allowance for constructability, implementation of erosion and sediment controls, and is informed by geotechnical data collected on site; and
- **Consultation**
 - provide evidence of consultation undertaken with relevant government agencies, councils and the public regarding the matters outlined above, including any proposed amendments to the project; and
 - clarify the status of neighbour agreements.

Any changes to the project should be documented in an Amendment Report, which should provide a revised project description clearly outlining all development proposed for the project along with any supporting revised environmental assessment documents. Where necessary to respond to submissions, the Submissions Report can reference content provided in the Amendment Report.

Please note that Schedule 1.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Major Projects) Regulation 2021* commenced on 1 October 2021. The Submissions Report and Amendment Report must be prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines*.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ko on 8217 2022 or anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Brewer
Director
Energy Assessments