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Dear Mr Mounsey,

**Boco Rock Wind Farm Modification 1 (MP09_0103-Mod-1)
Biodiversity Assessment**

I refer to your response to the Department's request for information dated 7 July 2021 regarding the potential impacts of the proposed modification on the biodiversity values listed in the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) and *Biodiversity Conservation (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 2017* (BC Regulation).

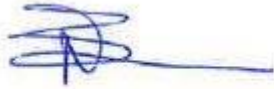
After careful consideration the Department is requesting that you provide additional information on the matters outlined below:

- **Flight path integrity** (BC Regulation clause 1.4(e)):
 - an assessment of whether the changes to turbine dimensions will increase or decrease impacts to high-flying aerial threatened species (such as White-Throated Needletail, Grey-headed Flying Fox, Large Bent-winged Bat and threatened raptors):
 - based on strike estimates of all threatened species using data collected from the implementation of the Bird and Bat Monitoring Program from Stage 1;
 - an understanding of ecology and behaviour of each impacted species (including flight paths and flight heights); and
 - predicting the:
 - rate and timing of strikes per turbine per year for each species;
 - consequences of impacts for the persistence of populations; and
 - cumulative impacts of the proposed development alongside existing wind farms.
 - a map of significant landscape and habitat features within the disturbance zone of wind turbines (e.g. hollow bearing trees and raptor nests).
- **Clearing and Offsets**
 - provide a table outlining the amount of clearing undertaken for Stage 1 (approved and actual for each vegetation community) and the proposed clearing for Yandra cluster (approved and proposed for Modification 1);
 - confirmation that the clearing calculations for modification 1 have included all required roads and cabling required to construct the Yandra cluster.

In order for the Department to work towards determination of the modification application please provide a timeframe for when this information will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Iwan Davies, who can be contacted on 9274 6296 or at iwan.davies@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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