

Our ref: Valley of the Winds Wind Farm (SSD-10461)

Mr Jeremy Ellis
Senior Project Developer
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By Email

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Subject: Valley of the Winds Wind Farm - Amendment of Application

Dear Mr Ellis

I refer to the Amendment Report which was submitted on 7 November 2023 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the Regulation) for Valley of the Winds Wind Farm (SSD-10461).

The Amendment Report has requested the following changes to the project application:

- removal of the proposed transmission connection to the Central West Orana REZ Transmission Line from the Girragulang Road (GR) and Leadville (LV) clusters;
- removal of 17 wind turbines and associated access tracks;
- amendments to proposed access routes, including the removal of two light vehicle access routes to the LV cluster, and provision of alternative route to the GR cluster via the Golden Highway;
- removal of three meteorological masts and relocation of seven others;
- an additional substation included in the Mount Hope (MH) cluster; and
- other minor refinements to the project boundary and development footprint.

The Department has considered the information provided and notes that the proposed amendments are in accordance with Government agency advice and submissions on the project, and aim to reduce the overall impacts of the project.

Accordingly, as delegate of the Independent Planning Commission, I agree to the amendment of the development application for the project as detailed in the Amendment Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Homsey on 02 8275 1264 or via email at natasha.homsey@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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