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The Planning Officer
Energy Resource Industry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Via Major Projects Planning Portal

Dear Mr Wathen

Thank you for the notification about Public Authority Consultation (PAE-50879964), requesting comments from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the draft Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the proposed 'The Plains Wind Farm' located on the Cobb Highway, approximately 20 km south of Hay (SSD-50629707).

The EPA notes that the proposal consists of:

- the construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind farm with an estimated capacity up to 1,800 megawatts, involving 226 turbines and that have a maximum height of 280 metres (to blade tip); and
- ancillary infrastructure including site offices, internal roads, underground and overhead cabling, substations, transmission lines and grid connection to the transmission network.

We have reviewed the departments draft SEARs and have no additional information requirements or further comment to provide.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Nick van Lijf on 02 6969 0704 or via email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Price', is written over a horizontal line.

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