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Kurtis Wathen
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Dear Mr Wathen,

The Plains Wind Farm (SSD-50629707) – Request for SEARs

Thank you for your Major Projects Planning Portal referral dated 17 November 2022, requesting WaterNSW's input into the preparation of SEARs for SSD-50629707. We understand the proposal is for the construction, operation and decommissioning of up to 226 wind turbine generators (WTGs), battery storage facilities and associated infrastructure, ancillary infrastructure and temporary facilities.

The subject land is located within the Murrumbidgee Regulated Valley. Two active water quality monitoring sites are located close to the subject site:

- GW030435 – located on the Cobb Highway between the East and West sections of the Energy Park
- GW030438 – located on the Cobb Highway between the East and West sections of the Energy Park.

WaterNSW require ongoing access to these sites during construction and operation, and measures must be identified in the EIS for the protection of the monitoring instrumentation from any potential impacts resulting from development of the wind farm.

WaterNSW would appreciate being advised when the EIS is exhibited, and requests the Department continues to consult with us on any proposal that may impact on our assets, infrastructure or land, using the email address Environmental.Assessments@watnsw.com.au.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at alison.kniha@watnsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alison Kniha", written over a horizontal line.

ALISON KNIHA
Catchment Protection Planning Manager