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Ms Julia Green
Department of Planning and Environment
(via Major Projects Portal)

Dear Ms Green

Mallee Wind Farm (SSD-53293710)
Draft Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Thank you for your request for advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the draft Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the proposed Mallee Wind Farm, located at Arumpo Road Buronga (SSD-53293710).

The EPA notes the proposal consists of:

- the construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind farm with an estimated capacity of up to 1,000 megawatts (MW), 150 turbines and a maximum height of 280 m (to blade tip);
- a battery with nominal storage of 300 MW / 1,200 MWh; and
- ancillary infrastructure including site offices, internal roads, underground and overhead cabling, substations, transmission lines and grid connection to the transmission network.

Based on the information provided, if the project is approved it will require an environment protection licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* for the scheduled activity of 'Electricity Generation'.

We have reviewed the departments draft SEARs and have no additional information requirements at this stage. The EPA will welcome the opportunity to provide comment upon the proposals environmental impact statement.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Michael Howat on (02) 4908 6819 or at environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'DAMIEN ROSE'.

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