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Dear Mr Wathen,

**RE: PLANNING SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
REQUIREMENTS (SEARS) ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED TCHELERY  
WIND FARM PROJECT LOCATED 35 KILOMETERS EAST OF KERI KERI IN  
THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

Thank you for requesting the Department of Defence (Defence) comments in relation to the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) associated with the proposed Tchelery Wind Farm Project located at 35 kilometres east of Kerri Kerri and 79 Kilometres east of Balranald, NSW.

The proposal is for the construction of a wind farm with a maximum of 120 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) at a maximum height of 285m (tip height) above ground level. The proposal will also include ancillary infrastructure such as a substation and switching station.

Defence has reviewed the draft SEARs and the applicant's Preliminary Environmental Assessment (Scoping Report) and is satisfied as Defence has been identified as an agency that must be consulted in the preparation of the EIS. Due to the proposed height of the turbines up to 285 metres, Defence requests the opportunity to consult with military aviation operators to ensure that there would be no impact to Defence aircraft operations.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, my point of contact is Matt Williams at [land.planning@defence.gov.au](mailto:land.planning@defence.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

**Timothy Hogan**

Acting Director Land Planning & Regulation

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