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Dear Ms Watson

RE: PLANNING SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS (SEARS) ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED KERR'S CREEK WIND FARM PROJECT

Thank you for requesting the Department of Defence's (Defence) comments in relation to the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) associated with the proposed Kerr's Creek Wind Farm Project located 26 kilometres north of Orange, NSW.

Defence understands the proposal is for the construction of a wind farm with a maximum of 63 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) at a maximum height of 280m (tip height) above ground level. The proposal will also include ancillary infrastructure such as a substation and a 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 280 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

Yours sincerely,

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