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Dear Ms Tsanidis

**RE: SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS (SEARS) -
EUSTON WIND FARM PROJECT – NORTH OF EUSTON IN THE BALRANLD
AND WENTWORTH SHIRE REGIONAL LGA**

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 Euston Wind Farm Project located 7.6 kilometres north of Euston, NSW.

The concept layout consists of 96 potential wind turbine sites at a maximum height of 275m (tip height) above ground level. The proposal will also include ancillary infrastructure such as a substation, transmission lines and a Battery Energy Storage System.

Defence has reviewed the draft SEARs and the applicant's Preliminary Environmental Assessment (Scoping Report) and notes that 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 275 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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