



Dr Sharoo Mohajerani
EPYC Pty Ltd
Level 5, 44 Miller Street
North Sydney NSW 2060

Dear Dr Mohajerani

I refer to Jupiter Wind Farm project (SSD 13_6277) and the high level of community concern raised at this early stage in the assessment process.

The Department has received a large number of complaints about the lack of information provided about the proposal. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to consult widely with the community at the earliest possible date and ensure that you inform the community about the project and associated impacts.

The community has raised concerns that some state agencies were not listed for consultation in the Environment Assessment Requirements (EARs). As such, please ensure that EPYC Pty Ltd provides evidence of such consultation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NSW agencies/departments listed in the EARs and the following additional agencies:

- NSW Health;
- Department of Family and Community Services including Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Community Services and Families NSW; and,
- Department of Education and Communities in relation to impacts on Tarago School.

I understand that contact was not established with all property owners within the boundary of the project area prior to the lodgement of the EARs. I strongly recommend that you now consult with all residents in the project area and advise that involvement in the consultation process from the project is voluntary.

It is also noted that you have engaged legal representation to respond to issues raised by the community. Consideration should be given to direct involvement from EPYC Pty Ltd as this approach may be more appropriate.

Finally, communities where wind farms are proposed have a legitimate interest in the assessment process and the Department strongly encourages the early establishment of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) with genuine community representation.

I welcome your earliest response to these issues. Please contact Tracy Bellamy of the Department of Planning and Environment on (02) 9228 6106 if wish to discuss these matters further.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn McNally
Acting Secretary