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25/03/2021

Dear Ms Gordjin,

Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686-PA-22) Out of Hours Work

I refer to your letter dated 5 February 2021, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to temporarily extend the construction hours for the Bango Wind Farm project from 24 March 2021 to 31 May 2021 between 4am to 10pm Monday to Saturday for the purpose of wind turbine generator (WTG) erection activities.

Both the Department and EPA notes that the current approval allows for construction activities to be undertaken between 7am and 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

Further, it is also noted that the proposed out of hours work (OOHW) will not occur daily, is dependent on the weather conditions and that works are scheduled to be completed by 31 May 2021.

The EPA have also indicated that the predicted noise levels for the proposed OOHW are expected to meet the EPL noise limits conditions under worst case meteorological conditions and that the EPL currently allows for construction works to be undertaken outside of standard hours if the LAeq (15 minute) noise levels of those works are no more than 5 dB above background levels at any residence.

Given the above, the Department has carefully reviewed your request and is satisfied that the OOHW can be supported provided the following requirements are complied with:

- works are confined to WTG erection only (i.e this OOHW approval does not extend to civil works, concrete pours and the like);
- should this OOHW approval be utilised, Bango Wind Farm must undertake compliance monitoring of the works for verification of noise levels at sensitive receivers with EPL noise limits;
- prior to OOHW being undertaken, develop a complaint's management procedure;
- implement the above complaints management procedure;
- implement respite periods to any works program to prevent successive nights of works;
- undertake consultation with potentially affected residents prior to, and regularly throughout, the period (23 March 2021 to 31 May 2021) to gather and respond to any concerns:
- undertake noise attenuation of plant and equipment used for WTG erection where reasonable and feasible; and
- any OOHW must be undertaken in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guidelines.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved your OOHW request until 31 May 2021.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact May Patterson on 8275 1190.

Yours sincerely

Benjamin Harrison

Director

Compliance

As nominee of the Planning Secretary