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Dear Marita

Re: 19-143 Rye Park Wind Farm Modification Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

NGH would like to advise of two inconsistencies within the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) report, supplied by NGH to Tilt Renewables in April 2020, and Addendum report supplied to Tilt Renewables in August 2020. The inconsistencies relate to two sites in the impact assessment tables provided in the report. Below is an explanation of the issue and the change required to correct the record.

As these inconsistencies occur within the initial ACHA conducted by NGH, the errors have also occurred within the Addendum ACHA (NGH, 2020), however please note the Recommendations outlined at the conclusions of each report are correct.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (02) 6153 6320. I would be pleased to discuss this project with you further.

Yours sincerely,

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Isolated Find 10 (IF10)

Table 7-1 (pp. 81-96) of the ACHA report (2020), outlines the identified risk to known Aboriginal heritage sites. Within this table (pg. 88), the description associated with IF10 incorrectly describes the site as including a Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD). As a consequence, the recommendations include the need for salvage excavations at the location, if impacted. This is an error in the site type as there is no PAD associated with IF10.

This error has also been repeated in the Modification Application (submitted April 2020), where Table 3-6 *Aboriginal heritage items – excavations* also incorrectly identifies the recommendation for IF10 as Minimise/Undertake salvage excavations.

The correct recommendation for this site, Minimise / Undertake surface salvage is outlined in the RPWF Modification ACHA (NGH, 2020 pg.107) *Recommendation 5*, which outlines all the sites requiring surface salvage if impacted.

The site IF10 will need to be removed from the table *Aboriginal heritage items – excavations* and added to the table *Aboriginal Heritage Items – minimise impact*, with the impact details updated to minimise / undertake surface salvage. See updated tables below.

Isolated find 4 (IF4)

Table 3-5 *Aboriginal Heritage Items – minimise impact* of the Addendum report (pg.17), has an error in the outlined impact of site IF4. This site is an isolated surface artefact, which has been incorrectly listed as requiring salvage excavations if impacted. This is an error in the recommendations as there was no subsurface potential identified.

This error also occurs in Table 2 of the Modification Application (submitted April 2020), *Aboriginal Heritage Items – minimise impact*.

The correct recommendation for this site, Minimise / Undertake surface salvage is outlined in the RPWF ACHA (NGH, 2020 pg.107) *Recommendation 5*, which outlines all the sites requiring surface salvage if impacted.

The site IF4 is listed in the correct table (3-5), however the details in the impact column will require updating to reflect the correct recommendation, minimise / undertake surface salvage (as shown below).

Table 3-5. Aboriginal heritage items – minimise impacts

Site ID	Impact	Identified
Flakney Creek	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	AHIMS Registered Site (Prior to RPWF)
AFT 1	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
AFT 2	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
AFT 4	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
AFT 5	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 1	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 2	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 3	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 4	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 5	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 6	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
IF 10	Minimize / Undertake Surface Salvage	NGH Modification ACHA 2020

Table 3-6. Aboriginal heritage items – excavations

Site ID	Impact	Identified
AFT 2 + PAD	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
AFT 3 + PAD	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
AFT 4 + PAD	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
PAD 1	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NGH Modification ACHA 2020
SU17/L1	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NSW Archaeology
SU30/L2	Minimize / Undertake Salvage Excavations or Testing	NSW Archaeology

Item IF10 removed from this table and added to the table 3-5 above.