

Our ref: SSD-6697-PA-40

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Subject: Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (CRWF) - Bird & Bat AMP Implementation Report

Dear Miss Jokadar

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-6697-PA-40, Bird & Bat AMP Implementation Report, submitted as required by Schedule 3, Condition 22 of SSD-6697 as modified (the consent) to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (NSW Planning) on 11 August 2023.

NSW Planning has carefully reviewed the 2nd Bird & Bat AMP Implementation Report and the results of Year Two of operational phase monitoring, that was undertaken from June 2022 to May 2023, and considers it to generally satisfy the conditions of consent in relation to the BBAMP.

NSW Planning also notes the following recommendations:

- with a total of 12 mortalities recorded in the 2 year period the overall risk rating for Wedge tailed Eagle requires updating from 'Moderate' to 'High',
- with a total of 13 mortalities for the White-striped Freetail Bat and 9 for the Little Forest Bat (and a high likelihood of there being additional mortalities given the results of mortality estimation modelling) in the 2 year period, the risk rating for the Little Forest Bat requires updating to "Low",
- ongoing monitoring focused on Wedge-tailed Eagle and other raptor species, along with bats (both microbats and flying-foxes) is proposed for CRWF, and
- that the CRWF BBAMP be updated to reflect these changes, along with updated risk assessments for the relevant species detailed above.

Please note that acknowledgement of this BBAMP Implementation Report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Michael Wood, on 0459890661 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary