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Good afternoon Jessica,

Thank you for referring the abovementioned request for input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment.

Defence understands that the proposed Bookham Wind Farm will consist of ancillary infrastructure and up to 99 wind turbine generators (WTGs), with up to 594 megawatt (MW) capacity, and each WTG having a maximum tip height of up to 270 metres (to blade tip). The subject site is approximately 30 km south of west of Yass near Bookham..

As tall structures, wind farms have the potential to pose a number of concerns for Defence, particularly with regard to aircraft safety, military low flying and radar interference. Defence is satisfied that the key issues and consultation requirements outlined in the SEARs will ensure Defence is formally consulted and all concerns considered during the preparation of the Project's Environmental Impact Statement.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, please contact me on the details below.

Regards
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