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Subject: Boorolong Wind Farm

Dear Sir/Madam

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands has reviewed the proposal. Crown land, roads, and waterways are included within the project footprint on this occasion. Due to the extensive nature of Crown land within the project area (Crown roads in particular), the Department requests that a shape file be supplied of the project boundaries and draft development corridor, including proposed wind turbine positions, to be able to make a more detailed response regarding the use of Crown lands.

For the use and access of Crown reserves, roads, or waterways (collectively ‘Crown land’) within the project footprint, the following considerations apply:

- The Crown reserves subject to the proposal includes Lots 7005 and 7006 DP 755810, as shown on Figure 1.3 of the scoping report. This land is reserved for the purposes of Travelling Stock. The land is currently managed by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services. Native Title (under the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993) and Aboriginal Land Claims (under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) may apply to Crown reserves and waterways.
- Crown Lands notes that there are numerous Crown roads within the project area. These roads may provide legal access to the development but may not provide practical access.
- Crown lands notes that there are several ‘Crown waterways’ within the project area. If any proposal exists to provide access track crossings or powerline crossing of waterways, the proponent should seek an ‘Ad Medium Aqua Filum’ search to determine the correct status of the waterways in terms of possible presumptive title.
- Any use or occupation of the Crown land during the assessment phase will require consultation with Crown Lands to obtain the necessary authority under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*.

- If Crown roads are required for access, they may need to be transferred to Council, an application made to close and purchase the roads (interim tenure may be required to avoid delays) or held under a licence tenure for the life of the project.
- If the proposal necessitates the acquisition of Crown land, this must be undertaken in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (LAJTC Act).
- Authority to use, traverse, access, or construct infrastructure on Crown land is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and/or the *Roads Act 1993*. It is recommended that the proponent contact Crown Lands to discuss and initiate the necessary processes to authorise the use of and/or access to Crown land.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Warren Martin in Crown Lands, on 02 67703118 or at warren.martin@crownland.nsw.gov.au. Copies of the project boundary and development corridor may be sent to Warren Martin.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney O'Brien".

Rodney O'Brien,

Group Leader Armidale/Moree

Crown Lands and Public Spaces