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Dear Ms Brewer,

## RE: Rye Park Wind Farm MOD 1 - Height Increase

Thank you for providing NSW Ports with the opportunity to comment on the proposed modification to Development Approval SSD-6693 to increase in maximum tip height for the approved turbines to 200m, decrease the maximum number of turbines to 80, and determine a single transport route for construction traffic for the Rye Park Wind Farm.

NSW Ports is responsible for managing the port and freight assets of Port Kembla, Port Botany, the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre. These assets, along with the efficient movement of freight to and from these assets, are critical to the future economic growth, liveability, productivity and sustainability of New South Wales and Australia.

NSW Ports notes that the wind turbines are proposed to potentially be delivered via our asset of Port Kembla. We further note that the modification application proposes to:

*"Increase to the wind turbine envelope to a maximum tip height of 200m to enable the use of newer and more efficient wind turbine models"*

This submission is provided to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment to confirm that the necessary provisions are in place to cater for the proposed larger turbines at the Port of Port Kembla. The modification states:

*"It was determined through the route survey that whilst several modifications to roads and intersections would be required to accommodate over-dimensional vehicles, the transport route from Port Kembla to the site is a viable option"*

On 30 January 2020, NSW Ports in partnership with Wollongong City Council made physical changes to the intersection of Springhill Road and Tom Thumb Road, including the removal of existing vegetation that was offset in the local area at a rate of 5:1. The changes that were undertaken were in order to cater for larger turbines in to the future and can accommodate the proposed larger sized turbines proposed for Rye Park Wind Farm.

Port Kembla has become a key infrastructure asset for renewable energy projects and NSW Ports is proud to support both solar and wind projects throughout NSW. NSW Ports supports the proposed modification.

Yours sincerely,



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