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Dear Ms Prior

Thank you for referring Modification 4 for Capital Wind Farm 2 to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for our review and input.

OEH understands that this modification is an administrative amendment only, to extend the project approval's commencement date. The proponent seeks this change to *"conduct a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm including to consider the newer, more efficient turbine technologies now available which are capable of achieving a more efficient output per wind turbine"*.

OEH does not have any major opposition to extending the project approval commencement date. However, OEH considers that it is essential that the proponent's review of newer and more efficient technologies should also incorporate innovative technologies that will minimise the project's impacts on bird and bat strike.

If further modifications are proposed as a result of the proponent's review, that have the potential to increase or change the impacts to the environment (e.g. larger turbines), then it is OEH's view that additional survey and assessment will be required to assess the potential impacts of the change. Any future proposed changes should also incorporate the most advanced technologies into their design to minimise harm to local bird and bat populations.

Should you require any additional assistance or wish to discuss the matter further please contact Suzie Lamb on (02) 6229 7117 or by email susan.lamb@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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