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Dear Melanie

Capital 2 Wind Farm MOD 4 – Exhibition

I refer to your email dated 22 September 2016 inviting the Division of Resources & Energy (the Division) to provide comments on the Capital 2 Wind Farm MOD 4.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a diverse, affordable and clean energy mix for NSW, wind farms drive investment and growth in regional NSW and provide alternate, non-rainfall dependent income streams for traditional farming communities. Wind energy diversifies the energy mix and is supported under the Government's cornerstone renewable energy policy, the Renewable Energy Action Plan. Increasing wind energy in NSW will also help the NSW Government meet its commitment to support the national Renewable Energy Target of 33,000 gigawatt hours (GWh) by 2020.

The Division of Resources and Energy supports the Capital 2 Wind Farm as it aligns with Government policy to increase renewable energy generation, jobs and investment in the State. Also, it has no effect on mineral or extractive resources. The Renewable Energy Advocate and Industry Investment and Export Support branch have been working with Infigen Energy since early 2014 to facilitate development of the Capital 2 Wind Farm in the Southern Tablelands.

The \$180 million project is expected to inject considerable funds into the local community of Tarago and support 100 jobs during the construction stage and a further 5 during the ongoing operation of the wind farm. Residents who live within three kilometres of the turbines will directly share in the financial benefits and a Community Enhancement Fund will be established to make annual financial contributions to the local community.

The Division of Resources and Energy will continue to work with Infigen Energy to support development of the Capital 2 Wind Farm as it progresses through to construction and commissioning stages.

The Division has no concerns regarding a proposed extension of the approval lapse date.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty & Advisory Services on 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

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