## THE FEDERAL HOTEL NIMMITABEL

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Officer In Charge Major Projects Assessments Department of Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

## **Boco Rock Wind Farm Stage 2 Modification 1 Comments**

To Whom It May Concern,

I presently own and operate the 130 year old heritage listed Federal Hotel Nimmitabel, the sole licensed accommodation, restaurant, bar and function facility in the Nimmitabel district. In 2015 I purchased this premises, which had been closed for 6 years, and with some \$0.3 million investment have substantially renovated and reopened the business for both local and visiting patrons.

I see strong merit in the Boco Rock Wind Farm Stage 2 project, both from environmental and economic benefits associated with its development and operational phases.

I and several other businesses located in the town of Nimmitabel would, however, like to see some assurance of direct business "trickle down" from the Boco Rock Wind Farm during construction and operation. In my instance we have capacity to provide accommodation, catering (lunch supplies to site), functions and meals that to date have not occurred. Like other local businesses, we would appreciate a preferred supplier relationship of accommodation, meals and catering to the Boco Rock Wind Farm project. With such assurances I would be keen to invest in further accommodation and tourism facilities with additional local employment generation knowing that my establishment capacity utilization rates would be higher with Boco Rock Wind Farm personnel usage.

With regard to the proposed modification that relates to the Yandra Cluster, I express no substantive additional opinion as the proximity and visual aspect of the project are of limited relevance to our business. I defer to the owners of rural properties directly and adjacent to the proposed modification for comment on such proposed alterations in number and scale of turbines and towers.

I trust that the information provided assists in your deliberations on this matter and welcome any further inquiries or comments in this matter.

Kind regards,

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