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Dear Mr/Miss

## Re: Collector Wind Farm (MP10\_0156) – Modification 2

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the modification application and Environmental Assessment Report (EA) for the Collector Wind Farm (MP10\_0156 - MOD2). This is a response from the Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division).

The Division is responsible for providing strategic advice relating to the current and potential future uses of land in NSW pursuant to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries)* 2007 and the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.* The Division's role is to ensure that proposals, including associated electricity transmission infrastructure do not unnecessarily preclude access to known resources or exploration for future resource discovery and extraction. The Division will also assess the application with respect to biodiversity offset considerations.

The Division has reviewed the modification application and EA for the Collector Wind Farm (MP10\_0156 – MOD 2) and has no mineral resource sterilisation concerns.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at <u>landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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