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Your Reference:MP 07_0118 MOD 1
Our Reference (TRIM):OUT14/11245

Dear Mr Philp

**Re: Exhibition of Modification Request for Gullen Range Wind Farm –
Modification 1 (MP 07_0118 MOD 1)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Trade & Investment (DTIRIS) – Mineral Resources Branch (MRB). The Department of Primary Industries, incorporating advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests NSW may respond separately.

Specific Issues

MRB has commented previously (OUT08/12689) on the potential impacts of the Gullen Range Wind Farm on mineral resource exploration and possible future mining proposals.

In order to minimise potential impacts on exploration and possible future mining proposals, it is important that consultation with the companies holding exploration titles over the area be undertaken by the proponent prior to, during and subsequent to the construction phase. In particular, it is important that current titleholders be provided with details of the final turbine and infrastructure layout prior to the commencement of construction. MRB notes consultation with the titleholders of mineral exploration leases, including appropriate timing has been included in section 5.1.5 of 'Appendix 1: Revised Statement of Commitments in full'.

As such MRB has no issues with Modification 1 of the Gullen Valley Wind Farm.

Geoscience Information Services

MRB has a range of online data available on line through the following website address:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles/online-services>

This site hosts a range of data to enable research into exploration, land use and general geoscience topics. Additionally, the location of exploration and mining titles in NSW may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

1. **MinView** allows on-line interactive display and query of exploration tenement information and geoscience data. It allows spatial selection, display and download of geological coverages, mineral deposits and mine locations, geophysical survey boundaries, drillhole locations, historical and current exploration title boundaries and other spatial datasets of New South Wales. This online service is available at:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services/minview>

2. **NSW Titles** enables the public to access and view frequently updated titles mapping information across NSW. This online service is available at:
<http://nswtitles.minerals.nsw.gov.au/nswtitles/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the MRB Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Francis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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