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Dear Ms Sarkies,

GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM, NSW

Thank you for your letter to CASA regarding the modification request for the Gullen Range wind farm.

CASA notes that the Project Approval required a reduction in the number of wind turbines from 84 to 73 to address potential risks to aviation safety in the vicinity of Crookwell Aerodrome. CASA also notes that the turbine heights will be reduced from the original height of 135m AGL to heights between 126m -130m AGL.

As you are aware, all land use planning authorities in Australia must assess the potential impacts on aviation safety from proposed wind farms. Planning authorities must use Guideline D of the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) 'Managing the Risk of Wind Turbine Farms as Physical Obstacles to Air Navigation'.

CASA considers that the approach taken by NSW Planning and Infrastructure with regard to this wind farm is consistent with NASF Guideline D and has no further comment.

Yours sincerely

Dilip Mathew  
Manager, Aerodromes and Aviation Infrastructure



cc Mr Martin Brown, NSW Planning and Infrastructure  
Mr Scott Stone, Dept. of Infrastructure and Development