

Toby Philp - Glen Innes Wind Farm (MP07-0036)

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Hi Toby,

Thank you for providing the EPA an opportunity to review the Modification Request for the Glen Innes Wind Farm (MP07_0036) as detailed in the document titled "Project: Glen Innes Wind Farm Section 75W Modification. Environmental Assessment" dated 12 March 2014.

Please note, that this response includes EPA's comments on the proposal, except for noise. The EPA expects to forward our noise comments to you shortly.

The EPA understands that via the proposed modification it is proposed:

- to install more efficient wind turbines; and,
- micro- sitting within the approved layout to accommodate the larger dimension wind turbines.

The EA has considered air, waste and run-off water impacts. The impacts are demonstrated to be minimal and can be managed within the premise's Environment Protection Licence (EPL) should consent be approved and an EPL granted for the premises.

On this basis, the EPA does not object to the activities outlined in the document titled "Project: Glen Innes Wind Farm Section 75W Modification. Environmental Assessment" proceeding.

Please note, however, the following EPA comments:

1. Should development consent be given, then the proponent will need to apply for an EPL from the EPA,
2. Suitable sediment and erosion control needs to be in place during the construction and operational phases of the project in accordance with the Blue Book (Managing urban stormwater: soils and construction),
3. The proponent must ensure that sources of gravel for road upgrades, turbine pads, the substation etc come from suitability approved premises and that existing Council consent and /or EPA EPL volume extraction limits will not exceeded in sourcing this gravel.
4. Noise comments are to be provided in a separate email by the EPA shortly.

Please contact Kharl Turnbull on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

Regards

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