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Dear Nicole

## Jupiter Wind Farm - State Significant Development Application (SSD 6277)

I refer to your email dated 29 November 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) to provide comments on the Jupiter Wind Farm - (SSD 6277) (the Project).

DRE has reviewed and assessed the adequacy of information in relation to the *Jupiter Wind Farm Environmental Impact Statement* dated October 2016 and provides the following advice:

## **Resource Sterilisation**

Construction of wind turbines in the northern precinct area will result in the sterilisation of the small deposits known as "Mt Boro Mine" and "Great Boro Mine" and has the potential to limit access to the area for future mineral exploration activity.

Based on upon a geological assessment of the area by DRE, the northern precinct (refer to Figure 1 attached) of the Project should be excluded from the development.

## **Stakeholder Consultation**

Whilst details of all consultation undertaken are contained in Chapter 7 of the EIS, there is no documented evidence of consultation with Heron (including outcomes). DRE notes email correspondence from the proponent as evidence of consultation with Heron Resources Limited. Heron Resources has indicated concern regarding exploration access to title(s) held (EL8353).

DRE requires that the proponent consult further with Heron Resources Limited regarding the northern precinct and access for exploration, document and provide evidence of resolution agreed between the parties.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty & Advisory Services on 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

Manager Royalties & Advisory Services 14-Feb-17

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