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Dear Ms Charteris

Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686) Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email of 23 September 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the development application and Environmental Impact Statement and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should confirm the source and extraction point of water to meet the
 demands of the project and undertake an assessment of the impact of taking that
 water. Where entitlement is required the proponent should ensure there is sufficient
 market depth and that a trade of entitlement can be consistent with the rules of the
 relevant Water Sharing Plan.
- The proponent should consult further with DPI Water to ensure relevant licensing requirements are met.
- The proponent should seek confirmation from WaterNSW that Lake Burrinjuck is an appropriate water source for the project. The proponent should also seek confirmation of available water from relevant Council authorities where their water is to be utilised.
- The following Conditions of Consent should be included in any determination for the project:
 - A Construction Environmental Management Plan should be developed in consultation with DPI Water prior to commencement of construction.
 - The design of waterway crossings for access roads and cable installations, and any associated instream works should be prepared in accordance with DPI Water's <u>Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2012)</u>.

- The proponent must obtain relevant licensing under the Water Management Act 2000 before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water.
- If rock anchoring is selected for wind tower foundations the proponent should undertake a groundwater assessment in consultation with DPI Water. The assessment should assess the risk of impact on existing licensed groundwater users and groundwater dependent ecosystems, and provide suitable mitigation measures.

Yours sincerely

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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here: https://goo.gl/o8TXWz