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Dear Ms Sarkies,

Re: Exhibition of Modification Request for Wellington Gas Fired Power Station (MP 06_0315 MOD 2)

I refer to your letter dated 24th February 2014 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the modification request at this stage. We assume that the proposal has adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (i.e. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

If you have any questions regarding the items within this response please contact Terry Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5302 or via email terry.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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