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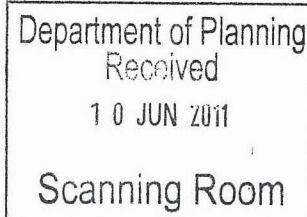


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Dear Mr Osborne

**Re-Exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for the White Rock Wind farm-
Application Reference MP 10_0160**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Environmental Assessment for the White Rock Wind Farm. Council staff have perused the Environmental Assessment submitted and whilst there are no specific environmental concerns relating to the proposed development please be advised that-

1. Council has a radio tower site at Mount Rumbee, which has been identified in the EA document. No impact to Council's communications are expected from this development, however, the Rural Fire service (RFS) also use this tower and they may be affected depending on the area in which they are working.
2. Council is concerned about the potential damage to its road infrastructure if the primary route from the Port of Brisbane via the Gwydir Highway changes and should this occur, further consultation with Guyra will be required;
3. The use of Guyra Council's local roads is not anticipated to be high, based on the route information provided in the EA, however, if this changes once work commences and Guyra Council will need to be consulted further if –
 - Maybole, Ben Lomond or Inn Roads are to be used by any heavy vehicles;
 - Light vehicles use Maybole, Ben Lomond or Inn Roads, which may impact on safety, particularly if usage increases greatly above current levels, as there is poor alignment and pavement conditions may be inadequate;
4. On P178 reference is made to materials possible being sourced from a new quarry to be established at 'Spring Mountain'. The location of this quarry is not known and it has therefore not been possible to assess likely haulage routes;
5. In Appendix 5 of the 'Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment' there is very little commentary about the impact of hauling large quantities of raw materials to the site. Depending on the routes taken, this is likely to have a larger impact on local roads than the other impacts listed. Without detailed information on the haulage routes for raw materials, any impacts on Guyra Council roads is difficult to assess. Mention is made of Wayne McCarthy Aggregate Supplies providing materials for the

project and this firm currently has quarries located in both the Glen Innes Severn and Guyra Council areas and if material is to be sourced from Guyra there will obviously be an impact on Guyra Council roads.

Should you require any additional information please contact Council's Director of Development and Environmental Services, Mr Bob Furze, on (02) 6770 7109 during business hours or (02) 67791246 after hours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cushway', written in a cursive style.

FOR- DAVID CUSHWAY
GENERAL MANAGER