



13th February 2013

Our Ref: A1329937

Mr Neville Osborne
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Dear Mr Osborne

**RE: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for White Rock Wind Farm Modification
(Reference: Part3A Mod 12_5584 (modification 1 to MP 10_0160))**

Thank you for providing the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA) with the opportunity to comment on the Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for White Rock Wind Farm.

In our previous correspondence on this matter (29th September 2010, our reference A452758 & 14th June 2011, our reference A549687) we suggested that any clearing of native vegetation (including groundcover) associated with the development should include appropriate offsets or mitigating management actions to 'improve or maintain' environmental outcomes.

The Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA is encouraged to see that an appropriate measures have been committed to ensuring appropriate offsets or mitigating management actions to 'improve or maintain' environmental outcomes associated with clearing native vegetation occur, in particular within 'Attachment 3 – Biodiversity Assessment' document provided:

- Page 41 – 'A commitment has been made by White Rock Wind Farm Pty Limited to develop an appropriate Offset Plan in consultation with OEH prior to the commencement of construction.'; and
- Page 41 – 'The degree of impacts as a result of the alternative powerline route is relatively limited, particularly compared to the impact of the original powerline route...'

In addition, Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA strongly support the implementation of Mr O'Brien's suggestions within the 'Attachment 3 – Biodiversity Assessment' document provided regarding mitigation measures to further minimise impacts on the environment.

Yours sincerely,



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