



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Stuckey

### **White Rock Wind Farm (MP 10\_0160 MOD 4) Comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA)**

I refer to your email of 23 January 2017 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](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

DPI has reviewed the modification application and accompanying EA and provides the following comments and recommendations:

- The proponent should provide further details to [Department of Industry - Lands \(lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au\)](mailto:lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au), by way of GIS data shape files, identifying the location of the transmission lines and location of infrastructure to allow for detailed assessment on the impact of the project on Crown public roads, waterways and reserves within the project area.
- The EA has not indicated the water demands or water sources for the proposed construction works. It is recommended this be confirmed prior to project approval to enable consideration of potential impacts of accessing the water supply and whether additional licensing is required.
- The following requirements should be included as Conditions of Consent in any determination for the modification:
  - The proponent should update the Construction Soil and Water Management Sub-Plan in consultation with DPI Water prior to commencement of activities.
  - 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 [Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land \(2012\)](#).
  - 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 power pole foundations the proponent should undertake a groundwater assessment and consult with [DPI Water](#)

([water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au)) prior to construction. The assessment is to assess the potential for intercepting groundwater and dewatering requirements, the risk of impact on existing licensed groundwater users and groundwater dependent ecosystems and to provide suitable mitigation measures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mitchell Isaacs'.

Mitchell Isaacs

**Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice**

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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:*

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