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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Stuckey

Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for White Rock Wind Farm Modification (MOD 4)

I refer to your email dated 23 January 2017 inviting the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to make a written submission on the proposed White Rock Wind Farm modification (MOD 4). The EPA apologises for the delay in responding.

The EPA has reviewed the information provided and understands that the modification includes the following:

- an alternative 132kV transmission line route from the wind farm to TransGrid's 330kV (Qld-NSW Interconnector) transmission line located approximately 13km west of the wind farm site; and
- an alternative grid connection facility involving a 330kV switchyard and 132kV/330kV substation at a location approximately 13km west of WRWF, adjacent the 330kV transmission line.

The EPA notes that there are predicted noise impacts at two residences during the construction of the transmission line however these impacts are predicted to be below the upper limit of 75dB, as identified in the *Interim Noise Construction Guidelines*. The EPA also notes that these residences are associated with the project and that the project commits to implementing all feasible and reasonable work practices where goal noise levels are exceeded during construction.

The EPA recommends that the Department of Planning and Environment condition the modification approval to ensure that the existing Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, Construction Environmental Management Plan and the Construction Soil and Water Quality Management Plan incorporate the proposed modifications.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Jessica Creed on 02 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert O'Hern'.

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