



Mr Toby Philp Senior Planner NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure 23-33 Bridge Street Sydney, NSW, 2000

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Dear Mr Philp

## RE: MP 08\_0252 Flyers Creek Wind Farm

I write regarding the proposed development 'Flyers Creek Wind Farm' at Beneree, Flyers Creek Road, Carcoar (ref MP: 08\_0252), and school community concerns regarding the proposed development.

There are three schools located within approximately a 10km radius of the proposed development. These schools include Errowanbang, Carcoar and Mandurama Public Schools. Errowanbang Public School is the closest school to a proposed wind turbine at approximately 1.5 km.

The Department is concerned at the lack of school consultation regarding the potential impacts of the proposed development on the school communities. The Department is also concerned at not being identified within the Director General's Requirements as a relevant stakeholder that the proponent should consult with.

The Department requests that, as part of the Preferred Project Report, the proponent identify and clarify the potential impacts on the school communities' health and learning environments. Potential impacts of concern include noise and vibration from wind turbines and Electro Magnetic Radiation from transmission lines, substations and telecommunication towers.

I request that the proponent expand community consultation to include school communities. The Department does not believe that referring school communities to technical documents on the web page is an appropriate level of consultation.

Please contact Ruth Thomason, Regional Asset Planner, Western NSW on 6391 4077 or email <u>ruth.thomason2@det.nsw.edu.au</u> should you require any further information in relation to this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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Tony McCabe Director, Planning and Delivery 1 December 2011

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