



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Donnelley

Crookwell 3 Windfarm (SSD 6695) Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email of 7 October 2016 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.

DPI has reviewed the amended application and Environmental Impact Statement and provides the following recommendations:

- Due to the increased disturbance area for footing construction of each turbine the proponent should:
 - Consider additional erosion and sediment controls during the detailed design phase; and
 - Revise and detail water demands and confirm an adequate water source prior to approval of the project.
- There are Crown public roads within the project area. Should the roads be required for use in relation to the project the proponent should consult with the Department of Industry – Lands on legal requirements.
- The following Conditions of Consent should be included in any approval of the modification:
 - An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan should be developed in consultation with DPI Water prior to commencement of construction.
 - 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 Act 1912/Water Management Act 2000* before commencing any works which intercept or extract groundwater or surface water.

- If rock anchoring is selected for wind tower foundations, a groundwater assessment should be undertaken and endorsed prior to construction. The assessment should assess the risk of impact on existing licensed groundwater users and groundwater dependent ecosystems and provide suitable mitigation measures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Isaacs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mitchell Isaacs

Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice

8 November 2016

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:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>