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Dear Ms Duncan

Crookwell 2 Windfarm MOD2 – DA-176-8-2004

WaterNSW appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for modification of the development consent for the proposed construction and operation of the Crookwell 2 Windfarm. The modification seeks to decrease the number of turbines and associated towers from 46 to 33.

It is noted that the site is located at the north extremity of the Wollondilly River catchment which is part of the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment, and so comes under the SEPP (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011 (the SEPP). Therefore the Project must be constructed and operated to ensure a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality.

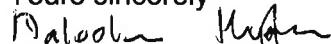
Clause 9 of the SEPP specifies that any development or activity proposed to be carried out on the land to which the SEPP applies should incorporate WaterNSW's current recommended practices (CRPs), listed on the WaterNSW website. WaterNSW considers the CRPs that address stormwater, on-site sewage management and the construction of roads and access should be utilised for this project.

The original consent issued in 2005 required the applicant to consult with WaterNSW, then the Sydney Catchment Authority, in the preparation of Soil and Water Management Plans and human wastewater management. The EIS for the modification states that an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), incorporating Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) will be prepared/updated. WaterNSW requests the Department to amend some conditions of the existing consent as follows:

- Schedule 2, Conditions 25 and 26 require consultation with WaterNSW in the preparation of the CEMP and OEMP
- Schedule 2, Condition 84 - Soil and Water Management Plans be prepared in accordance with the following documents:
 - Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Vol 1 4th edition (Landcom, 2004 – the 'Blue Book Vol.1'), and
 - Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 2A Instillation of Services and Volume 2C Unsealed Roads (DECC, 2007 – the 'Blue Book Vol.2').
- Schedule 2, Condition 107 and throughout the existing consent – Replace 'the Sydney Catchment Authority' with 'WaterNSW'

If you wish to discuss any matter raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact Jim Caddey on 4824 3401 or james.caddey@waternsw.com.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Hughes".

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