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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Stuckey,

MODIFICATION TO MAJOR PROJECT – MP 10_0160 – WHITE ROCK WIND FARM – GLEN INNES

I refer to email dated 6 February 2018 seeking comments and recommended conditions of approval for the proposed modification of Stage 2 for the White Rock Wind Farm, west of Glen Innes.

The proposed modification relates to reducing the number of Stage 2 turbines, increasing overall rotor tip height, increasing the overall project area and increasing the project's vegetation clearance limit. I note the proponent is not seeking to change any conditions of the project approval or Environment Protection Licence (EPL #20665) that relate to noise. As such, the EPA has not proposed any recommended conditions of approval.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has reviewed the document, '*White Rock Wind Farm – MP10_160-Stage 2 Modification Application No.6- Environmental Assessment Report*', dated January 2018 and associated Noise Impact Assessment. Modelling results presented in the Noise Impact Assessment identifies four non-associated residences that may exceed relevant noise criteria by 1-2dB(A). Four mitigation options are suggested including negotiating agreements with associated landowners in accordance with the conditions of approval. The Environmental Assessment Report does not commit to, or identify, a preference for mitigating options to be adopted. The EPA recommends the proponent identify the preferred option, should noise criteria be exceeded.

Should the modification be approved, the EPA recommends the proponent review EPL #20665 to ensure the premises description for the licence is consistent with the schedule of land referred to in the Project Approval MP10_0160, as modified.

Please contact Rebecca Scrivener on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely,

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

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