



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Your Ref: MP 10_0160 MOD 6
Our Ref: D18/556
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ATTENTION: Tim Stuckey

1 March 2018

Agency Comment: MP10_0160 Mod 6 – White Rock Wind Farm; Glen Innes Severn and Inverell LGA's

I refer to your email dated 8 February 2017 seeking comments and recommended conditions from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) with respect to the proposed modification (Mod 6) of Project Approval MP10_0160.

The NSW RFS has reviewed the plans and documents available on the Department's website and understands that the modification proposes:

- a reduction in the number of Stage 2 turbines from 49 to up to 48 turbines;
- minor changes to 9 of the 48 Stage 2 turbines;
- relocation of 20 of the 48 Stage 2 turbines;
- increased turbine dimensions;
- changes to the project area resulting an overall increase in the project area to 15,078 hectares. The Mod 6 on ground footprint is approximately 160 hectares, or 1% of the project area.
- additional access tracks for the relocated turbine sites;
- minor modifications to approved access track routes to improve constructability and reduce impacts;
- additional 33 kV collection circuits for the relocated wind turbine sites, including revised overhead cable routes to minimise impacts;
- variations to the collection circuits layout for turbine sites and potential cable or line routes;
- construction of additional temporary construction facilities to allow efficient construction of Stage 2. These facilities include construction compounds, laydown areas, rock crushing and concrete batching plants;

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- *additional hub height monitoring masts (up to two permanent and three temporary) to enable more detailed wind modelling of the southern and eastern areas included in Stage 2; and*
- *variation to specific conditions of the Project Approval to enable the modified Stage 2 development.*

The NSW RFS notes that part of the land is mapped bush fire prone land by Glen Innes Severn and Inverell Shire Councils. Further, the NSW RFS is the primary response agency for structural fires on the land.


The NSW RFS does not raise any objection to the proposed modification, subject to the following.

The NSW RFS advice and recommended conditions for the development dated 1 August 2011 and 11 February 2013 are still applicable for the proposed MOD 6 development proposal.. These recommendations remain valid and should be applied to the proposed modification.

Finally, the applicant has prepared a Bushfire Risk Management Plan for the project. A new Bushfire risk Management Plan should be prepared for the works proposed under MP10_1060 (Mod 6) or the existing Bushfire Risk Management Plan be modified to include the proposed modified works. The Bushfire Risk Management Plan should also address ongoing management of bushfire risk and be incorporated into the Operation Environmental Management Plan for the overall development.

For any queries regarding this correspondence please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours Sincerely



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The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.