

7 July 2020

Attention: Tatsiana Bandaruk
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square
12 Darcy Street
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Tatsiana,

RE: SSD 6687 UUNGULA WIND FARM – EIS SUBMISSION

Thank you for providing Mid-Western Regional Council (Council) with the opportunity to provide input into the proposed Uungula Wind Farm. Council has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and would like to provide the following feedback for consideration.

Traffic Routes

Based on the information presented in the EIS, Council understands that the preferred traffic routes for the proponent are as follows:

1. For WTG Components
 - Port of Newcastle to Wellington via Golden Highway
 - Wellington to Wind Farm Site via Goolma Road and Twelve Mile Road (Western End)
2. For Other Components and Supplies
 - Port of Newcastle to Gulgong (via either Cope Road or Castlereagh Highway)
 - Gulgong to Wind Farms Site via Goolma Road and Twelve Mile Road (Western End)

Council has no objection to the proposed traffic routes identified above. However, the EIS does note that other traffic routes may also be used. Council has concerns that if alternative traffic routes are required to be used for the purpose of the project, there has been no opportunity to assess the adequacy of these routes and any traffic impacts on the local road network.

Council requests that the proponent obtain Council's prior approval should alternative traffic routes be required within the Mid-Western Region local road network.

Twelve Mile Road (Eastern End)

Council would like to raise concerns in relation to the use of the Eastern End of Twelve Mile Road. In the Transport Assessment, the proponent has sought an exception to not prohibit heavy and light vehicles to use this section of Twelve Mile Road. Council does not support this exception.

Council is aware that there will be some construction workers and/or contractors travelling from the east to deliver materials (eg. water, cement, sand, gravel, general materials) during construction. As the Eastern End of Twelve Mile Road may be seen as a short cut to the project site, this is likely to cause significant issues for the safety and amenity of local residents.

The Eastern End of Twelve Mile Road is not constructed to an adequate standard suitable for any construction vehicles. Therefore, unless the applicant is prepared to upgrade this section of the road to the same standard as what is proposed for the Western End of Twelve Mile Road, Council recommends a condition be imposed which prohibits the use of the Eastern End of Twelve Mile Road by any vehicle associated with this project. The condition should state that all project related traffic is required to access the project site using the Western End of Twelve Mile Road.

Council has received numerous complaints from local residents regarding traffic along this section of road (ie. the Eastern End of Twelve Mile Road), especially in relation to dust generation by vehicles associated with the wind farm.

Consultation

It should be noted that there has been no recent consultation between Council and the proponent. Although the project is located outside the Mid-Western Regional LGA, Council believes it is reasonable that it be included in any consultation in relation to the project, especially when it concerns traffic movements along the local road network. Council requests that the applicant include Council in any future consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER