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The Manager
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Attention: Diana Mitchell

SSD-6698 MOD 01 – PROPOSED YASS VALLEY WIND FARM – HILLTOPS AND YASS VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS.

I refer to your correspondence regarding the proposed modification to the Coppabella (formerly Yass Valley) Wind Farm which was referred to Roads and Maritime Services for assessment and comment.

Roads and Maritime Services has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the amended application for the Coppabella Wind Farm dated September 2017 prepared by NGH Environmental. From the information provided it is understood that the main alterations to the original proposal for the Wind Farm proposal include the following;

- increasing the vegetation clearing limit from 68.3 to 180.9 hectares;
- increasing the turbine blade length from approximately 60 to 70 metres and overall rotor tip height from 150 to 171 metres; and
- minor changes to the location of ancillary infrastructure including access tracks, powerlines and additional temporary construction compounds and laydown areas.

From the information provided it is understood that the revised application does not propose changes to the number of vehicles movements or the proposed route for the delivery of the turbine components but does propose an increase in the length of the components to be delivered to the development site by road. Discussions have been undertaken between the proponent and Roads and Maritime regarding the required changes to the classified road network for the delivery of the large components for the Wind Farm development. This is to be further developed through the Traffic Management Plan to be prepared by the proponent.

Roads and Maritime notes that the existing Notice of Determination dated 30 March 2016 for the proposed Wind Farm development appears to identify Whitefields Road as a primary access route to the development. The proposed modification does not intend to alter this but will represent the transportation of longer loads through the intersection of Whitefields Road with the Hume Highway. The assessment of the impact of the longer loads plus the construction traffic proposing to utilise this intersection needs to be considered in relation to the intersection of Whitefields Road with the Hume Highway. Measures to address any adverse impacts are to be considered as part of the Traffic Management Plan to be prepared in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services.

Roads and Maritime Services

Roads and Maritime Services advises that the proposed changes to the development are noted and that it considers that these changes would not represent any further concerns to those raised in the response from Roads and Maritime Services dated 16 December 2009. Based on the proposed modifications and the content of the current Development Consent for the proposed development Roads and Maritime Services advises that no objection is raised to the proposed development subject to consideration of the above.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Manager, Land Use for Roads and Maritime Services (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 6923 6611.

Yours faithfully



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