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Dear Ms Mitchell

**Yass Valley Windfarm (SSD 6698 MOD 1)
Comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA)**

I refer to your email of 25 October 2017 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Crown Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries.

Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The department has reviewed the EA and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should provide details of the revised water demands and the affected water source should be confirmed prior to approval of the project. Where additional extraction points are required an impact assessment should be provided. The proponent will need to ensure adequate water entitlement is available in the relevant water source and should commit to obtaining this entitlement prior to the water take occurring.
- The proponent should advise whether the size of footings for each turbine structure will need to be increased, and detail any associated excavation requirements.
- The proponent should be aware that any occupation of Crown land, including roads, will require authorisation prior to commencement of any works.
- The following should be included as conditions of consent in the event of approval of the project:
 - The proponent should be required to develop a revised Erosion and Sediment Control Plan in consultation with Crown Lands & Water (water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au).
 - The design of waterway crossings for access roads and cable installations, and any associated instream works should be required to be prepared in accordance with the [Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land \(2012\)](#).

Yours sincerely



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