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Dear Mr Stuckey

Glen Innes Wind Farm Project (MP 07_0036) MOD 4 – EA Comment on the Environmental Assessment

I refer to your email of 7 August 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry – Lands and Forestry that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The following recommendations are provided for consideration in assessment of the proposal:

Prior to Project Approval

- The proponent is requested to confirm the water supply demands and water sources for the proposed activities. Where additional works are proposed to access water or where existing works are not authorised for the proposed use, an assessment of impacts is requested. Where additional entitlement is required, confirmation is requested on the ability to access sufficient entitlement in the relevant water source.
- It is recommended that the proponent contact the Department of Industry Lands and Forestry directly (<u>lands.ministerials@industry.nsw.gov.au</u>) in order to ascertain what authorisations and approvals may be required to undertake works on Crown land.
- Lands and Forestry request the proponent supply shapefile (ArcGIS) files showing location of proposed access tracks/road, turbine positions (footprint and overhang) and footprint of the substation/OMS site/site compound, and the concrete batch plant, in order to enable an accurate assessment of the potential impact on Crown land.
- Further information is required on what works are proposed to create an access link between the northern end of the proposed wind farm (at the substation/OMS site/site compound) and the Gwydir Highway as access through this area will, by necessity, cross a Travelling Stock Reserve.

Recommended Conditions of Consent

Works within waterfront land must be in accordance with the "Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land" (DPI Water 2012).

Yours sincerely

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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here: https://goo.gl/o8TXWz