APPENDIX F: ADDITIONAL COUNCIL LETTER



ET0003

11 November 2016

Ms Andrea Jou Development Manager Infigen Energy Capital Wind Farm 2 Pty Ltd Level 22, 56 Pitt Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Jou

Capital 2 Windfarm Modification 4 Extension of lapse of approval

At its meeting of 9 November 2016 Council resolved to write to Infigen Energy noting the benefits of the project and expressing support for the proposed extension of the lapsing period.

Council's resolution was based on consideration of the following matters:

- 1. Energy generation from renewable sources is becoming increasingly important as the impacts of climate change are felt around the world. The project will make a valuable contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gases by 400,000 tonnes per year of CO2.
- 2. The project will also make a valuable economic contribution to the local economy through employment during construction and operation and will contribute to the local community through the Capital Community Committee. Council noted that to date, the Committee has approved over \$130,000 in funding for local projects for the benefit of the Bungendore and Tarago communities including \$12,500 towards the Weereewa Festival in 2014 and \$5,000 towards the Bungendore Spring Ball in 2015.
- 3. When the development was under consideration in 2011 Council did not oppose the development subject to the inclusion of appropriate conditions of consent to deal with matters relating to contributions, road works, visual amenity, noise, biodiversity and weed management, and waste management. This support was in line with Palerang Council's 2004 informal windfarm policy that wind farms are more appropriate in remote locations away from houses and especially rural residential developments.

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Contact: Queanbeyan: Ph: 6285 6000 Fax: 6285 6666 W: www.qprc.nsw.gov.au Council noted that nothing has changed since the Capital 2 Windfarm was approved in 2011 that would suggest that the windfarm, and therefore the proposed extension of the lapse period for five years, should now be opposed.

Yours sincerely Peter Bascomb 4

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