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Dear Mr Ko

**Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (SSD-10315)
EIS**

I refer to your email of 26 March 2021 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The project is the Construction and operation of a wind farm with up to 60 wind turbines and associated infrastructure.

The following recommendations are provided by NRAR.

Post-approval Recommendations

The proponent should ensure that:

- All works on waterfront land as defined by the *Water Management Act 2000* are in accordance with the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land. The NRAR Guidelines can be found <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/licensing-trade/approvals/controlled-activities/guide>.

Comment

NRAR notes that works on waterfront land include creek crossings for cables and access tracks. Access tracks on minor watercourses are exempt (under S4.23 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018) as works are in a rural zone. Cable crossings will be underbored under major watercourses so should leave minimal disturbance, and trenching will be used in minor streams to place cables and then the area rehabilitated.

- If required, sufficient water entitlement is held in water access licence/s (WAL) to account for the maximum predicted take for each water source prior to take occurring.

Comment

The project proposes that water will be obtained from farm dams or external sources. Water extracted from farm dams that are within harvestable rights (for the property they are located within) is allowable without a licence or approval. For any water that is extracted from dams above maximum harvestable rights (for the location), the water must be appropriately licenced under a WAL issued for the specific purpose, i.e. use of water for an industrial purpose.

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpie.nsw.gov.au. or to the following coordinating officer within DPIE Water:

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Yours sincerely



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