

13 August 2015

**Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
22-33 Bridge St
Sydney NSW 2000**

Attn: Diana Charteris

Dear Secretary,

YASS VALLEY WIND FARM REMOVAL OF TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR OPTION

Epuron has recently reviewed the infrastructure layout associated with the Yass Valley Wind Farm to further reduce impacts associated with the layout. In particular, Epuron has reviewed the various powerline options with a view to reducing the number of options for which we seek approval.

As a result of this review, Epuron has decided to remove the eastern-most grid connection corridor (and associated Infrastructure Envelope) as outlined in the attached map. This corridor provided an alternate connection option which is no longer required; removal of this corridor does not in any way impact the constructability of the remainder of the project.

The removal of this connection corridor is intended to further mitigate impacts and:

- reduce impacts which would result from the construction of this corridor without any increase in impacts elsewhere on the site, and therefore result in a net environmental benefit;
- in particular, reduce visual impacts at dwellings in the vicinity of this connection corridor – we note the nearest dwellings are referenced G11, G12, G13, G14, G18, G36, G38, G39 and M8; and,
- increase certainty as to the likely grid connection corridor to be used.

The removal of this infrastructure does not impact the project boundary, list of involved landowners, or list of involved lots and as a result we reconfirm these details as provided via email from Andrew Wilson to Diana Charteris (sent 5pm 12th August 2015).

We appreciate your commitment to finalise the assessment of the DA on this basis.

Sincerely,



ANDREW DURRAN
Executive Director

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Attachment: Removal of Eastern Corridor

Note, the following map is based on the map titled *Final Project Layout with Project Envelope* (dated 21/05/15) provided to the Department on 24 June 2015. Indicated below in black and white are the switchyard, powerline and infrastructure envelope which Epuron proposes to remove from the development. All other infrastructure and development envelopes remain as outlined on the previous map.

