

Note regarding the transition of the Paling Yards Wind Farm Project (MP 10_0053) from Transitional Part 3A Application to State Significant Development (SSD)

Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* was repealed over two years ago. This system was replaced by the State significant development (SSD) assessment system which commenced on 1 October 2011.

Given the time that has elapsed since the repeal of Part 3A, the Paling Yards application has now been transitioned to the Government's new SSD assessment system, by an Order made by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure dated 11th February, 2014.

To minimise any disruption to the assessment process, the actions taken under the Part 3A process to date, including the acceptance of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public exhibition have been accredited under the SSD process and are taken to have been completed.

Due to the timing of the project's transition and the stage at which the application was at in the process, the detailed assessment documentation was unable to be updated to reflect the change in the assessment system which entails the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than an Environmental Assessment (EA). As such, all references throughout the document to EA should be taken to mean EIS, and all other references to Part 3A processes undertaken to date should be taken to be under the SSD system