



Ms Lynelle Briggs
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Planning Assessment Commission
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Dear Ms Briggs *Lynelle*

Rye Park Wind Farm (SSD 6693)

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Rye Park Wind Farm (SSD 6693).

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 objections to the proposal.

During the exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS), the Department received a total of 130 submissions, including 12 from government agencies, 3 from special interest groups and 115 from the general public.

The Department also exhibited the applicant's response to submissions (RTS), and received a further 241 submissions (either as new submissions or as updates to previous submissions), including 10 from government agencies, 5 from special interest groups and 226 from the general public. None of the government agencies object to the proposal.

During the assessment process, the Department visited the site on several occasions, and consulted with local residents, the local Councils and government agencies. The Department also engaged an independent expert to provide advice about the potential visual impacts of the proposal.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Mr Mike Young, Director Resource Assessments, on (02) 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

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