



16 February 2024

Mr Clay Preshaw
Executive Director, Energy & Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Preshaw

Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

I refer to the State significant development application for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm project (SSD-9679) (**Application**), currently before the NSW Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

The Commission is seeking a response from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) regarding:

1. The Applicant's presentation and response to the Commission Panel's questions at the:
 - A. Applicant stakeholder meeting with the Panel held on Monday 15 January 2024; and
 - B. Public meeting held on 1 and 2 February 2024; and
2. The **enclosed** documents provided by the Applicant during the submission period for this application.
(collectively, the **Materials**)

Without limiting the Department's response, the Commission particularly requests the Department to:

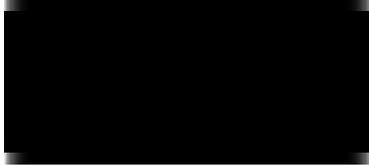
1. Confirm whether the Materials constitute an amendment to the development application.
2. Undertake further assessment and provide any updates or corrections to the Department's Assessment Report arising from the Applicant's Materials.
3. Advise the Panel of any consequential changes to the Department's recommended conditions of consent.

The Commission requests that the Department provide a response, either via a transcribed meeting with the Commission and/or in writing.

This letter and your response will be made publicly available on the Commission's website. Subject to the content of the Department's response, the Commission may also invite further submissions on the response from interested stakeholders.

I would be grateful if you could advise the Commission when you anticipate providing the Department's response to the Panel.

Yours sincerely



Samantha McLean
Executive Director

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Materials referenced in this letter as published on the Commission's website:

Applicant Stakeholder Meeting

[Transcript](#)

[Presentation](#)

Public Meeting

[Day 1 transcript](#)

[Day 2 transcript](#)

[Presentation](#)

Applicant Submission

[12 February 2024 – submission letter](#)

[12 February 2024 – Moir report](#)

[12 February 2024 – Biosis report](#)

[12 February 2024 – annexures](#)

[15 February 2024 – submission letter](#)

[15 February 2024 – Herbert Smith Freehills letter](#)