



Ms Lynelle Briggs
Chair
Planning Assessment Commission
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Dear Ms Briggs

Biala Wind Farm (SSD 6039)

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Biala Wind Farm (SSD 6039).

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, the Department received a total of 39 public submissions, 38 objecting to the proposal and 1 providing comments. None of the government agencies objected to the proposal.

During the assessment process, the Department visited the site on several occasions, and consulted with local residents, Council and state 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 Mike Young, Director Resource Assessments, on 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Ray
**Deputy Secretary
Planning Services**

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