

Our ref: SSD 9679

Steve Barry
 Planning Director
 Independent Planning Commission NSW

Via email

03/07/2024

Subject: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) – Clarifications

Dear Mr Barry

I refer to your email dated 3 July 2024, seeking the Department’s clarification on its letter of 24 June 2024 and Attachment E – Recommended Conditions of Consent.

As requested by the Commission, the Department provides the following advice:

Proposed condition	Summary of the Commission’s comment	Department’s response
A7 and A10 and letter	Seeks clarification on the setback distances from Ben Halls Gap Nature reserve referenced in the Department’s letter and recommended conditions of consent.	The text in the Department’s letter of 24 June 2024 is correct, however there is an error in updated recommended conditions in condition A10 of Schedule 2. The Department recommends that condition A7 be updated to “No <i>wind turbine</i> may be located within 135 metres from the surveyed boundary of Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve” in accordance with the zone of disturbance buffer identified in the BDAR. Condition A10 (d) should be updated to “the revised location of a wind turbine is at least 135 metres away from the surveyed boundary of Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve;”
Letter	Seeks clarification on the Department’s comment in its letter that proposed conditions B23 and B33 in Schedule 2 are not unclear or ambiguous.	The Department acknowledges that there is a typographical error in the letter and reference to condition B23 on p8 should have been condition B32.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ko on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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