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Via email: [REDACTED]

**Valley of the Winds Wind Farm (SSD-10461)
Request for Further Information**

Dear Nicole,

I refer to the State significant development application for the Valley of the Winds Wind Farm (SSD 10461) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination. Following the public meeting held on 10 April 2025 for the Application, the Commission requests the following information from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**):

1. The Commission heard from several community members who raised concerns with potential impacts on aerial firefighting capabilities within the locality. Noting that the Commission has separately asked the Applicant for more detail on this matter (copied to you under separate cover), can the Department please confirm there will be no operational impacts on aerial firefighting arising?
2. The Commission heard from Mr Marshall Baillieu at the public meeting who stated he provided the Department with a peer review of the Applicant's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) he commissioned, specifically in relation to noise impacts. Can the Department please provide the Commission with a copy of that peer review?

Following a meeting with the Department and the Energy Corporation of NSW (**EnergyCo**) on 16 April 2025, the Commission requests the following information:

3. Can the Department please provide the Commission with proposed timing for the release of cumulative impact assessments/studies for the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (**CWO REZ**)?

The Commission also requests the following information:

4. Please provide a response to the cumulative impact assessment matters raised by Warrumbungle Shire Council (**Council**) in its submission to the Commission. A copy of Council's submission can be found [here](#).
5. Please provide an assessment of any potential groundwater and aquifer interference impacts which may arise in relation to the proposed development's quarrying activities.

The Commission requests a response by **5pm Monday, 28 April 2025**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Kendall Clydsdale or Callum Firth at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] respectively, or phone [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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