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Dear Professor O'Kane

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**Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686)**

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686).

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 101 submissions, including 12 from government agencies, 5 from special interest groups and 84 from the general public, of which 50 objected to the project. None of the government agencies or Hilltops and Yass Valley Councils objected 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.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department has considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site for the project, and the public interest, in accordance with the requirements of the EP&A Act.

Based on this assessment, the Department considers that the project is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions of consent.

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 and Energy Assessments, on (02) 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Secretary  
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