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Dear Professor O'Kane

Yass Valley Wind Farm (SSD 6698 MOD 1)

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the modification application for the Yass Valley Wind Farm (SSD 6698 MOD 1).

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 objections to the proposal.

During the exhibition of the environmental assessment (EA) the Department received a total of 100 submissions, including 10 from government agencies, 5 from special interest groups and 85 from the general public, of which 82 objected to the modification. 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.

In assessing the merits of the modification application, the Department has considered the existing conditions of consent, previous documentation associated with the original application for the project, the EA, public submissions, advice from local and state government agencies, response to submissions report and additional information from the proponent.

Based on this assessment, the Department considers that the proposed modification is approvable, subject to the recommended amendments to the existing conditions.

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, A/Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Systems, on (02) 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

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