

Professor Mary O'Kane AC Chair Independent Planning Commission Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St Sydney NSW 2000



Dear Professor O'Kane

Flyers Creek Wind Farm - Modification 4 (08_0252 MOD 4)

The Department has received an application from Infigen Energy to modify the project approval for the Flyers Creek Wind Farm under section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The project is located approximately 15 km west of Blayney in the Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council local government areas.

The key aspects of the proposed modification (Modification 1) include:

- an increase to the approved turbine dimensions; and
- reinstating and realigning the 132 kV transmission line.

The Department publicly exhibited the modification application and accompanying Environmental Assessment from 16 August 2018 until 29 August 2018 and received a total of 59 public submissions, including 4 from special interest groups, 57 of which objected to the project. Advice was provided from 15 NSW government agencies, including Blayney Shire Council, who did not object to the application. During the assessment process, the Department consulted with local residents, Councils and the relevant government agencies.

The Independent Planning Commission is the consent authority for the modification application for the purposes of section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act, because more than 25 public submissions by way of objection were received during the exhibition of the application.

Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the modification request is approvable, subject to the recommended revisions to the project approval conditions. I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report, recommended revised conditions and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Mr David Kitto, Executive Director – Resource Assessments and Business Systems, on 0421 611 700.

Yours sincerely

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