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Dear Anna

**White Rock Wind Farm – Modification 6 (10\_0160 MOD 6)**

Thank you for your recent letter on the White Rock Wind Farm Modification 6 application seeking further consideration of the Applicant's proposed increase in vegetation clearing to accommodate cabling changes required for Stage 2 of the project.

The Department has considered the proposed changes carefully to determine whether they would alter the findings and conclusions of its assessment of the modification application (see attached), including the impacts of the clearing and any additional offsetting requirements.

While the proposed amendment would involve clearing of an additional 7 hectares (ha) of native vegetation, there would be a slight reduction of around 0.7 ha in overall impacts to threatened vegetation for the modified project due to precautionary assumptions made in the previous biodiversity assessment. Importantly, the revised credit requirements for the modified project are still expected to be less than the credits generated from the Applicant's proposed offset site.

Accordingly, the Department remains satisfied that the modified project can be undertaken in a manner that maintains the biodiversity values of the locality over the medium to long term, with the implementation of the recommended mitigation and offsetting measures.

The Department therefore retains its position that on balance the proposed modification is in the public interest and is approvable, subject to the recommended updated conditions.

I hope this information is of assistance and will enable the Commission to determine the modification application for the project.

However, if the Commission requires any further information on these matters, please feel free to contact me on 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

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