

Ms Anna Summerhayes Executive Director Independent Planning Commission Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Summerhayes

White Rock Wind Farm – Modification 6 (10_0160 MOD 6) Application Amendment

The Department referred its assessment and recommendation of White Rock Wind Farm Modification 6 (10_0160 MOD 6) to the Independent Planning Commission on 23 August 2019.

Following its referral, the Department has received a letter from White Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd (the applicant) requesting to amend its modification application.

The amendment includes increasing the proposed vegetation clearing limit for Ribbon Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological Community from 65 hectares (ha) up to 85 ha.

The applicant's letter of request is enclosed and advises that the additional clearing is necessary to enable the construction of the Stage 2 transmission cabling.

While the proposed disturbance areas are within the approved project boundary, the Department notes that additional ecological surveys would be required to confirm the nature of the impact and extent of clearing. The applicant would also need to undertake further consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage.

The applicant has advised that additional information would be provided by late October 2019 (including a revised Biodiversity Assessment Report), and the Department expects to provide a supplementary assessment of the proposed changes by mid November 2019.

For further information, please feel free to contact Phillipa Duncan on 02 9274 6451.

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Yours sincerely

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