

Our ref: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

Scott De Keizer  
Head of Development  
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By email

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**Subject:** Additional Information

Dear Mr De Keizer

I refer to the assessment of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679). The Department has received a request for response from the Independent Planning Commission to the additional written submissions Engie provided dated 12 and 15 February 2024. To respond to this request, the Department requests you provide the following additional information:

## 1. Economics

- A revised economic analysis detailing the consequences of project design changes on the viability of the project, including quantitative evidence to support the levelised cost of energy (LCOE) figures presented to the Commission.

## 2. DAD01

- Further information on DAD01, including:
  - details about the lawfulness (or otherwise) of the CDC and its relevance to the Department's assessment;
  - an update on the status of the negotiations with the likely landowner, including consideration of their submission to the Commission; and
  - any consideration of potential re-siting options for DAD01 or the relevant wind turbines to meet the performance objectives in the Wind Energy Guideline (2016).

## 3. Visual impact assessment

- Accompany the wire frame with vegetation overlay generated at NAD67 with an aerial image of the dwelling.
- Consideration of the Wind Energy Guideline (2016) requirements relating to dwelling entitlements, and clarification on the meaning of 'dominance'.
- Consideration of the relevance of the Taralga case, particularly in relation to the different factual circumstances and the changes in policy settings since the judgement.

## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by **Tuesday 5 March 2024**. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the Department via the NSW planning portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ko on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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