



Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

21 May 2024

The State significant development application for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm is currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

In January and February, Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Ltd (the **Applicant**) presented information to the Commission in a stakeholder meeting, in the public meeting and via written submission.

On 16 February 2024, the Commission [wrote to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure](#) (**Department**) to seek its further advice in relation to this information.

The Commission is of the view that the advice requested from the Department is necessary in order to fully and appropriately inform the Commission's decision on the Application.

Seeking further advice from the Department is a normal part of the Commission's deliberative process. The Planning Secretary (through the Department) is responsible by law for carrying out the assessment of development applications on behalf of the Commission, and it is consistent with that formal legal role for the Commission to seek further advice from the Department when warranted.

The Commission acknowledges that the time taken by the Department in providing its further advice to the Commission has affected the timeline to determine the Application. The Commission's aim is to be informed by the best available expert advice.

Once this further advice is provided, the Commission will publish it on its website and invite any interested stakeholder to make written submissions to the Commission regarding the advice.

In line with its [Transparency Policy](#), the Commission has published all correspondence between the Commission and Department regarding the requested advice. The Commission understands that at present, the Department is awaiting advice on the economic analysis of the project from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Energy Transition.

On 21 May 2024, the Department advised that it anticipates providing the requested advice to the Commission by 7 June 2024 (see correspondence from the Department [here](#)).

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