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Dear Steve,



**RE: LAL LAL WIND FARM –CHANGE OF WIND TURBINE HEIGHT FROM 130 M TO 160 M**

I understand from your advice that you are looking at the possibility of increasing the overall wind turbine height from 130 m (approved) to 160 m (proposed). I also understand that you are required to prepare an assessment of the visual impact, as part of an application to amend a planning permit.

In 2010 we undertook the preparation of comparative photomontages showing the change in height of the wind turbines from 130 m (approved) to 150 m (proposed) for an amendment application.

ERM have now prepared an additional photomontage (Viewpoint 2) illustrating the comparative heights of the approved, and proposed heights of wind turbines for the current layout. These photomontages show the wind turbines modelled at 130 m (approved) and 160 m (proposed) as well as 150 m (previously proposed).

A comparative assessment of the photomontages indicates a negligible increase in the visual impact of the wind turbines from the viewpoints. There will be minimal alteration to the view of the approved wind turbines given the increase in the overall height of the turbines being imperceptible to any viewer. The overall assessment of the visual impacts will remain consistent with those discussed in our Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Report as well subsequently outlined in the letter dated December 2010.

A similar exercise was also undertaken of Taralga Wind Farm in NSW. This assessment was presented as evidence at the appeal to the Land & Environment Court of NSW. The amendment to the overall height of the wind turbines was approved on August 21 2008 (see *RES Southern Cross v Minister for Planning and Taralga Landscape Guardians Inc. [2008] NSWLEC 1333*).

The increase in the height of wind turbines proposed for Lal Lal is of similar order as that proposed at Taralga. Given the similarity between the applications, I believe that the proposed change in height will have negligible additional visual impact and that the visual impacts will be consistent with the findings of the Lal Lal Wind Farm planning permit application.

Please ring me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,  
for Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd

Allan Wyatt  
Partner

Encl: Lal Lal Wind Farm photomontages