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The Hon. Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
Level 20
1 Spring Street
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Dear Minister,

Lal Lal Wind Energy Project
Permit Number PL-SP/05/0461
Request for a Planning Permit Amendment

Dear Minister,

WestWind Energy respectfully requests an amendment to the Lal Lal Wind Farm planning permit.

The amendment proposes to:

- increase turbine height from 130 metres in height to 161 metres in height;
- remove tower height and rotor diameter restrictions;
- remove requirement for transformers to be located within tower;
- apply the more stringent noise requirements (NZS6808:2010) for wind farm noise; and
- reduce maximum number of turbines from 64 to 60 turbines

The installation of slightly larger machines will provide a significant increase in electricity output while producing a net reduction in amenity impacts to those living in the vicinity of the project. The amendment proposes a reduction in the total number of turbines, applies a stricter noise standard and does not reduce the distance from proposed turbines to existing dwellings.

The attached simulations illustrate the negligible impact on landscape and visual amenity and residents in the immediate environs of the wind farm will be able to call on the proponent to provide landscaping to mitigate views.

The change envisaged by the amendment will not result in additional material detriment and the permit can be amended without owner consents or review rights, therefore, there are strong grounds to approve the amendment request without the need for public notice.

The changes proposed are minor and will result in significant benefits to the broader community through the additional supply of renewable electricity and future carbon savings.

Please contact Steve Crowe on 5421 9956, or crowe@w-wind.com.au, should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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