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Attention: Mr Steve Crowe (Crowe@w-wind.com.au)

Our Reference: 0058176 LAL LAL WIND FARM L3_21APR2015.DOCX

Dear Steve,



RE: LAL LAL WIND FARM –CHANGE OF WIND TURBINE HEIGHT FROM 130 M TO 161 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 161 m (amended). In addition, there has been a reduction in the number of wind turbines and micro-siting of the approved wind turbines. 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 order to demonstrate the change, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) required photomontages from the 10 viewpoint locations discussed within the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) accompanying the original Planning Permit Application dated 2008. The Department has approved the use of the 2008 photographs as a basis for the new photomontages.

Revised photomontages have been prepared to illustrate the change associated with the Amended Layout and based on the existing conditions photographs taken in 2008 for:

- Public viewpoints– A, B, C, D, E and G;
- Residential viewpoints–N31AB, F12AA, G17AA and F30AA.

The photomontages compare the original photomontages of the 130 m (approved) wind turbines with the proposed 161 m (amended) wind turbines.

A comparative assessment of the photomontages indicates a negligible change in the visual impact of the wind turbines. Given the scale of the approved wind turbines within this landscape, the additional height makes an insignificant difference to the visual impact. Therefore, the overall assessment of the visual impact is consistent with that assessed in the LVIA (2008) upon which the decision to grant a permit was partly based.

I see no visual reason to refuse the proposed alteration in height.

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