

13 October 2008

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Attention: Matt Russell

Dear Matt

Proposed Wind Farm - Mt Stuart - Traffic Assessment

I refer to your email dated 15 September 2008 providing details of the traffic assessment for the proposed wind farm at Mt Stuart for our consideration and comment.

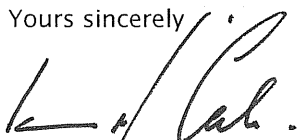
Having considered the document, we are satisfied that it satisfactorily canvasses the relevant issues associated with constructing the proposed wind farm as they will apply to the roading network.

If there is one minor criticism of the draft document, it might be that it does not provide sufficient detail as how it reaches a conclusion about a specific route or item of infrastructure. While we understand the conclusions to be largely correct, particularly for the State highway, it might be difficult for the consent authority to affirm your conclusions with any definitive authority on the strength of the document as it is currently drafted. For example, in concluding that there are no bridges or culverts along the proposed transportation route that are unable to manage the loads anticipated, it might be useful to include details of the relevant bridges and culverts including specifications such as their widths and maximum loads, particularly for along your preferred routes. Such detail may be an issue you will need to discuss further with the relevant local territorial authorities.

We are still interested to understand how you will maintain the safety and efficiency of the roading network for specific loads or at specific times during the construction phase of the project. However, we suspect that this will be detail that can be covered in any temporary traffic management plans, particularly when dealing with overweight and/or over-dimensioned loads.

We appreciate being kept apprised of progress on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if you have any queries or wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely



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