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Subject: Crookwell 3 Wind Farm – Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan

Dear Mr Alonso,

I refer to your submission requesting approval of the Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (Provisional v1.4 dated 30 July 2024). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I conditionally approve the Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (Provisional v1.4 dated 30 July 2024), subject to revision of the plan within **3 months** from commissioning of the final turbine for the project or **6 months** from the commissioning of the first turbine whichever is earlier, or as otherwise agreed by the Secretary.

The Department requests the revision of the plan to include:

- requirements specified in Table 24 for the BBAMP Minor Review to transition from a provisional to final BBAMP;
- all available Crookwell 2 Wind Farm data;
- outcomes of consultation with BCS on survey results for Powerful Owl and Barking Owl. This includes any changes to species credits resulting from changes to the Biodiversity Assessment Method (Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Update No. 24, January 2024);
- further information on best practice methods for bat deterrence, particularly in managing potential lighting impacts;
- clarification on when incidental searches for White-throated Needletail will occur;
- address inconsistencies in reviews of the Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan and commit to the requirements of Condition 2, Schedule 4;
- commitment to incident and non-compliance notification, Schedule 4, Condition 9 and 10; and
- revise commitment to timing of implementation in Table 22 for turbine shutdown to be consistent with altering cut-in speeds.

Furthermore, if there are any inconsistencies between the Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on (02) 4927 3223 or via email at katie.weekes@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary