## **APPENDIX 23**

# **Department of Lands Response**

Letter from Rebecca Worner, Property Services Officer, Crown Lands Division

Our Ref: S11/161

Your Ref: Crudine Ridge WF



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Dear Sir

#### Crown Land Conveyancing Search Proposed Crudine Wind Farm

I refer to your application for a Crown Land Conveyancing Search in relation to the above matter.

A search has been carried out in respect of the Lot/DP details listed in "Appendix 3 – Property details for land on which the wind farm/easement would be located", included Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Preliminary Environmental Assessment.

According to records held in this office there is likely a number of Crown public roads that may be affected by the proposal with many of these roads also being held under an enclosure permit by the adjoining land owner/s. It is also noted that some of these permits have associated road closure applications pending and waiting further assessment and consideration.

- Enclosure Permit 44222 currently held in the name
  Enclosure Permit 43630 currently held in the name
  Enclosure Permit 18103 currently held in the name
- 4. Enclosure Permit 67875 currently held in the name
- Enclosure Permit 50412 currently held in the name

### Road closure application lodged – W400269

- Enclosure Permit 17140 currently held in the name
  Enclosure Permit 43948 currently held in the name
- Enclosure Permit 50531 currently held in the name
- 9. Enclosure Permit 50637 currently held in the name

#### Road closure application lodged - W408057

10. Enclosure Permit 86605 - currently held in the name

### Road closure application lodged - W399751

- 11. Enclosure Permit 410482 currently held in the name
- 12. Enclosure Permit 411073 currently held in the name
- Enclosure Permit 43583 currently held in the names
  Enclosure Permit 43578 currently held in the name
- 15. Enclosure Permit 59188 currently held in the name

In relation to this matter please find attached:

 Diagram – generally showing the status of lands in the vicinity of the proposal (some land status has not been shown where it would appear that the proposal does not impact)

Note that the status of the roads have been shown (Crown or Council) however the status is not shown in such a way to indicate which roads may or may not have a current enclosure permit held over them.

 Crown Land Profiles for each enclosure permit listed above – includes text description of enclosure permit locality

If any works are to be carried out in respect of the Crown public roads (whether or not they have an associated enclosure permit) please note that consent of the Crown Lands Division of the Department of Primary Industries (the Department) is required. General policy dictates, however, that as the Department is not a road construction authority it cannot authorise any works on Crown roads.

It is recommended that the land owners seek to lodge road closure applications with the intent to purchase and have those matters finalised <u>before</u> the commencement of any works on the Crown public roads. Alternatively, and particularly if a Crown road is to be used as practical formed access, that the local Council should be approached to consider taking over the control of the road/s. Once transferred to Council they, as a construction authority, can then authorise any works necessary on said roads.

If you have any enquiries regarding the progress of the existing road closure applications lodged and mentioned above you should contact the Department's Business Centre Roads Team on (02) 4925 4104.

It is further noted that the proposed easement, in particular, may have impact on waterways in the area. You should ensure to contact the relevant authorities/owners of these waterways before commencing any required works for crossings etc.

Please find attached a receipt for payment of the search fee. A tax invoice will be sent in due course.

For further information please contact Rebecca Worner, Property Services Officer at the Crown Lands Division of Department of Primary Industries, Orange office on (02) 6391 4303 or by email: <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Worner@lpma.nsw.gov.au">Rebecca.Worner@lpma.nsw.gov.au</a>

Yours Faithfully

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