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Dear Stephen

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT: FLAT ROCKS WINDFARM, SHIRE OF KOJONUP**

I refer to your letter of 25 November 2010 requesting comment on the above-mentioned development, in respect to the potential impacts of the proposal on the natural biodiversity assets and environmental legislation that are the statutory responsibility of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

Please note that this information is provided as preliminary advice and does not form part of the department's statutory function for formal assessments.

The proposal may require assessment under the *Environmental Protection Act* during the formal process. I suggest you contact the Department's Industrial Regulation Officer, Mr. Alan Kietzman, in Northam (96228940) for specific advice relating to this aspect of the proposal.

In relation to possible natural biodiversity assets that may be present, several Threatened or Priority Fauna (bird) species were identified as being possibly impacted. Species include Commonwealth listed *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act* (EPBC) listed Birds such as Carnaby's Cockatoos (Endangered), Forest Red Tailed Black Cockatoos (Vulnerable), and Muir's Corellas (Vulnerable). The issue relates specifically to injury or death related to the turbine propellers. There are several research papers published that deal with this issue and they may be useful documents to refer to when developing this project.

No Declared Rare or Priority Flora populations or Threatened or Priority Ecological Communities were identified in a desktop assessment.

If you require additional information on the natural biodiversity assets please contact Mr. Peter Lacey on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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