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Ms M Dickson
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Dear Ms Dickson

Waubra Wind Farm

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2010 to Pyrenees Shire Council regarding noise compliance of the Waubra Wind Farm. Your letter was forwarded to the Department of Planning and Community Development by Pyrenees Shire Council.

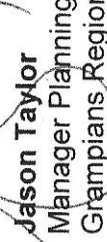
On 8 October 2010 the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) received the *Waubra post-construction noise compliance report* from Pyrenees Wind Energy Development Pty Ltd (PWED). This report was required under the conditions of the planning permit.

Upon receipt of the report, DPCD consulted with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and commissioned an independent peer review. The advice from the EPA and the independent peer reviewer has raised a number of issues with the report, including compliance with the relevant noise standard at several dwellings near the wind farm.

PWED is now required to respond to the Minister for Planning in relation to the EPA, and independent reviewer's findings. We are awaiting this response before further action is taken.

Should you require any further queries regarding this matter, please contact Julie Phillips of this office on 5327 2842.

Yours sincerely,


Jason Taylor
Manager Planning and Development
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Cc : Pyrenees Shire Council