



Our reference: 2011/6228

Mr Terry Johannesen
Ratch Australia Corporation
on behalf of Mount Emerald Wind Farm Pty Ltd
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Dear Mr Johannesen

EPBC 2011/6228 – Mount Emerald Wind Farm

Thank you for your letter dated 13 June 2017 to the Department, requesting a variation to condition 13 of the EPBC approval decision 2011/6228 (Mount Emerald Wind Farm) dated 26 November 2015.

Officers of this Department have reviewed the variation request. As delegate of the Minister, I have varied condition 13 of EPBC Approval 2011/6228 under section 143(1)(c) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to change the requirements for the *Wind Farm Implementation Plan*. Condition 13 must now be undertaken in accordance with the varied condition specified in the variation notification, which has been attached for your information.

As you are aware, the Department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the Department on request.

Should you require any further information please contact Robin Nielsen, Post Approvals Section, on 02 6274 1004 or by email: post.approvals@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

James Barker
Assistant Secretary
Assessments (Qld, Tas, Vic) and Governance Branch
Environment Standards Division

31 / 7 2017



VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Mount Emerald Wind Farm Project (EPBC No 2011/6228)

This decision to vary a condition of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

Person to whom the approval is granted	Mount Emerald Wind Farm Pty Ltd ACN: 149 050 322
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Approved action	To develop a wind farm within the Springmount Station, on the Atherton Tablelands, in North Queensland [see EPBC Act referral 2011/6228]
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Variation

Variation of conditions of approval	The variation is: Delete condition 13 attached to the approval and substitute with the condition specified as "condition after variation" in the attached table.
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Date of effect	This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	James Barker Assistant Secretary Assessment (Qld, Tas, Vic) and Governance Branch
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Signature

Date of decision	31 / 7 2017
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Original Condition	Condition after Variation
<p>13. Prior to commissioning, the approval holder must submit to the Minister for written approval, a Wind Farm Implementation Plan that is informed by the results of the evaluation required by condition 12. The Wind Farm Implementation Plan must include:</p> <p>(a) details of intended outcomes and measurable performance criteria which are based on the outcomes of population viability analysis and numerical collision risk modelling for the Spectacled Flying-fox and Bare rumped Sheathtail Bat;</p> <p>(b) a program to monitor the effectiveness of progress against performance criteria; and</p> <p>(c) contingency measures and corrective actions that will be implemented if performance criteria are not being or are not likely to be met.</p>	<p>13. Prior to commissioning, the approval holder must submit to the Minister for written approval a Wind Farm Implementation Plan that is informed by the results of the evaluation required by condition 12. The Wind Farm Implementation Plan must include:</p> <p>(a) details of intended outcomes and measurable performance criteria for the Spectacled Flying-fox and Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat which are based on information contained in relevant guidance material including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Matters of National Environmental Significance: Significant impact Guidelines 1.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (2013);</i> • <i>EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.3 Wind Farm Industry (2009);</i> and • <i>Draft Referral Guideline for 14 birds listed as migratory species under the EPBC Act (2015).</i> <p>(aa) a program to implement a <i>Low Windspeed Curtailment Study</i>;</p> <p>(b) a program to monitor the effectiveness of progress against performance criteria; and</p> <p>(c) contingency measures and corrective actions that will be implemented if performance criteria are not being or are not likely to be met.</p>