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Dear Josh

Subject: Flyers Creek Wind Farm - 2025-26 BBAMP Annual Report

Thank you for your e-mail dated 23 June 2026 to the Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation Group (CPHR) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) inviting comments on the Flyers Creek Wind Farm (FCWF) 2025-26 Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan Annual Report.

It is acknowledged that, in comparison with the data from the previous 12-month monitoring period, there was a significant reduction in the number of carcasses recorded in 2025-26. This was particularly noticeable in regards microbat mortalities.

As monitoring has only been completed over two years of operation, it is unclear whether the variation recorded represents natural annual variation, or isolated incidents associated with environmental conditions. CPHR endorses Iberdrola's commitment to continue monitoring for a third year of operation.

We note the lightning strike at WTG 22, and the resultant access restrictions associated with the WTG 22 collector group, required modifications to the monitoring design and substitution of multiple turbines. Although replacement turbines were selected to maintain representative site coverage, several high-risk turbines were unable to be monitored. This included WTG 20 (the turbine with the greatest number of recorded mortalities) and WTG 13 (having the third highest number of mortalities). The impact this may have had on the number of reported mortalities is unknown, although it is noted that the number of recorded mortalities at WTG 38 fell from ten in 2024-25 to two in 2025-26, suggesting that the reduced recorded mortality may be wind farm wide.

The inability to monitor at WTG 20, which had a 4.5 ms⁻¹ curtailment applied in October 2025, has meant that the effectiveness of this mitigation measure has not been assessed.

Continued monitoring will confirm whether the mortality patterns identified during the first two years is related to site-specific factors associated with turbines. It is also necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the curtailment of WTG 20.

CPHR notes and commends Iberdrola's continued ongoing commitment to minimising environmental impacts at FCWF. We fully endorse the recommendations made in the 2025-26 annual report.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact the North Planning Team at rog.nw@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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