



# Department of Sustainability and Environment

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Dear Mr Shapero

**PROPOSED COMMUNITY WIND FARM (2 TURBINES)  
AT LEONARDS HILL - HEPBURN SHIRE  
CA 12B SEC 3B, CA B4 SEC Y AND LOT 1 ON TP 671, PARISH OF WOMBAT  
CONSIDERATION OF IMPACTS ON NATIVE FLORA**

I refer to your recent communications with Nick Jaschenko (Biodiversity Coordinator) of this office, regarding a proposed community wind farm (two turbines), at CA 12B Sec 3B, CA B4 Sec Y and Lot 1 on TP 671, Parish Of Wombat.

The department has inspected the subject site and found that past and present land uses (eg. cultivation, grazing, introduction of exotic species, etc.) have had such significant impacts on native vegetation, that little or no native vegetation exists on the site (ie. with the exception of a small area at the southern end of CA B4, which is unlikely to be impacted upon). It has therefore been determined that, when you apply for a planning permit, you will not be required to provide a flora survey report for the site.

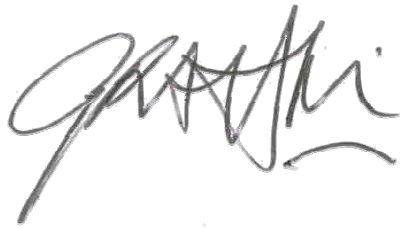
However, at the time of inspection, the department had not been provided with any details of the route proposed for grid connection powerlines, or any other off-site infrastructure. The department therefore reserves the right to request a flora survey report, if deemed necessary, for the consideration of impacts associated with off-site infrastructure.

I acknowledge receipt of the Fauna Assessment report (Centre For Environmental Management; March 2006), forwarded with your email of 17 May 2006. The department is in the process of reviewing this report and you will be further advised in due course.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Rod Davison at the Ballarat office of the department on telephone (03) 5336 6756.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Hull', written in a cursive style.

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