

15 March 2018

Ms Annabelle Pegrum AM
Chair
NSW Independent Planning Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Pegrum,

RE: JUPITER WIND FARM (SSD6277) - WITHDRAWAL

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) that EPYC Pty Ltd (EPYC), on behalf of Jupiter Wind Farm Pty Ltd (JWFPL), the proponent of the proposed Jupiter Wind Farm, has decided to withdraw the application for the Jupiter Wind Farm (SSD6277), a decision which has not been taken lightly.

Despite the extensive efforts and assessments undertaken to date, and the significant amendments made across the full suite of technical areas in response to issues raised in submissions received during the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement, in reviewing the assessment report from DPE we believe that the assessment report did not take into full consideration the extent of all the improvements made to the proposed project as shown in the Preferred Project Report and therefore made a recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for project application to be refused. As such, EPYC Pty Ltd believes that the IPC's finding would not be contrary to recommendation made by DPE.

Throughout the development process, the proposed Jupiter Wind Farm was subjected to numerous alterations to the ongoing requirements for assessment set by DPE which lead to additional costs, delays to the project timeline and in addition it caused some confusion within the community.

Sadly, the prospect for new wind farm development in NSW appears to be extremely limited as the opportunity for proponents to enter the market is hindered by the ongoing changes in the requirements.

The proposed Jupiter wind farm project was determined to be a State Significant Project with the potential to create ~ \$380 million of foreign investment in NSW. This project could potentially generate a considerable quantity of safe, clean, renewable energy – as well as deliver valuable funding for the region and create local jobs. In addition to the significant environmental benefits, the project would have also provided around \$25 million to the local



community through payments to hosts, neighbours living within 3km of turbines, and to local councils via a Community Enhancement Fund to support local initiatives over the wind farm's anticipated 30-year lifetime.

The significant benefits from the proposed Jupiter project will now sadly be unattainable which is a great disadvantage and a lost opportunity for the local area, the broader region and the NSW State economy.

Regards,


Dr Shahroo Mohajerani