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Department of Industry and Environment
Biodiversity and Conservation Division

Attention: David Gearing

Dear David,

Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Modification 2 DOC20/330693

Eco Logical Australia (ELA) was engaged by CWP Renewables Pty Ltd on behalf of Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Pty Ltd (CRWF) to assess the change in biodiversity impacts from the proposed realignment of access tracks within the CRWF. This letter is provided to supplement the previous report to specifically address changes in impacts to potentially suitable habitat for *Aprasis parapulchella* (Pink-tailed Legless-lizard).

The ecological assessment undertaken for the original project design considered the Pink-tailed Legless-lizard as having the potential to occur within the CRWF project boundary, due to the presence of suitable habitat, in the form of scattered partially buried rocks.

The ecological assessment undertaken for the new proposed access tracks identified two discreet small patches of partially buried rocks, indicating potential habitat for the species. No individuals were identified during the survey. An updated review of current database records was undertaken (12 May 2020) which identified the closest record of this species as occurring approximately 20 km away, just to the north of Bathurst. Therefore, it is considered unlikely that this species occurs in the area and potential impacts to the Pink-tailed Legless-lizard are considered unlikely.

Further, the area of disturbance is reduced under the new proposed access tracks, further reducing the potential for impacts to this species in the unlikely event it occurs in the area.

Nonetheless, pre-clearing surveys will be undertaken by a qualified ecologist prior to disturbance to delineate areas of potential habitat and assist in micro-siting the final track design to avoid any impacts to threatened species or their habitat.

Regards,



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