



**Notification of
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled
action
DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH – Accredited Assessment**

Sapphire Wind Farm, NSW (EPBC 2011/5854)

This decision is made under section 75 and section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

proposed action	To construct and operate a wind farm and associated infrastructure comprising approximately up to 159 wind turbines, with a maximum generating capacity of approximately 238 to 425 megawatts between Glen Innes and Inverell, NSW; as described in the referral received by the department on 22 February 2011 and additional information received 8 March 2011 [See EPBC Act referral 2011/5854]
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decision on proposed action	The proposed action is a controlled action. The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.
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relevant controlling provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)• Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
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designated proponents	Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd ACN 57 127 205 645
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assessment approach	The project will be assessed by way of an accredited assessment process under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth). The accredited assessment process for this proposed action will be carried out under part 3A of the <i>New South Wales Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> , including an environmental assessment report pursuant to section 75I informed by the environmental assessment under section 75F, and (if relevant) a preferred project report pursuant to section 75H.
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Decision-maker

Name and position	Michelle Wicks Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
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Signature

date of decision	3) March 2011
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