Flyers Creek Wind Farm proposal and draft wind farm guidelines
Response to Orange News Now

Will the Flyers Creek Wind Farm need to comply with the proposed wind farm guidelines?

Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:

The wind farm guidelines are in draft at this stage and will be finalised after the consultation period concludes on 14 March 2012, taking into account all submissions received.

When finalised, the guidelines will apply to any future SSD applications lodged and, where applicable, to existing SSD and transitional applications before the NSW Government. It is therefore advisable for all proponents to take the draft guidelines into account.

There are currently 17 wind farm proposals before the department, of which 13 are in the early stages of the process and have not yet had an EA exhibited.

The Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has written to the proponents of all wind turbine applications currently before the department. He has requested that proponents undertake full consultation and indicated that no environmental assessment (EA) will be accepted unless there is evidence that the consultation has occurred and the issues have been addressed.

Where the proponent’s environmental assessment has already been exhibited - as is the case for the Flyers Creek wind farm proposal – the department’s assessment process will take into account the relevant provisions of the draft guidelines. For example, the proposal to strengthen the regulation of noise from wind farms would apply to the Flyers Creek wind farm, if approved.