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Dear Mr Boothman *Mark*

I refer to my letter to you dated 26 June 2012 with regard to the proposed construction of a biomass electricity generation power plant located at 126 Sandy Creek Road, Yatala.

Further to the information contained in the letter and for clarifying the role of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection in the approvals process, I would like to add the following additional information.

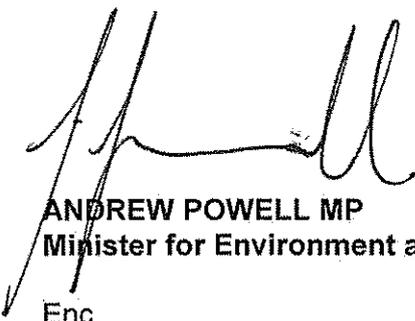
The Gold Coast City Council, as the assessment manager for the proposal, is the authority responsible for determining the outcome of this development application based on its suitability against the provisions of the Gold Coast's planning scheme and any applicable local laws, regional plans and state planning policies. The council is also responsible for considering public submissions for impact assessable developments such as this when making its final decision.

As concurrence agency, the department is responsible for providing a response to the council for matters within the department's jurisdiction, that is, for proposals involving environmentally relevant activities. The department's response is included as part of the package that the council must take into consideration prior to making the final decision on the application. I have enclosed a copy of the department's concurrence agency response to the council for your information.

It is the role of the council to make the final decision to approve or refuse the application. It is important to note, that as assessment manager, the council still has the power to refuse an application for reasons other than a concurrence agency's response.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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