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Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 10:24 AM
To: Liz Makin
Cc: Mike Smith
Subject: RE: Yass Valley Council -PP.2018.04 Planning Proposal - Referral- Commonwealth Environment and Energy [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Liz

Apologies for the delay in responding. Thank you for your letter requesting comment on the Planning Proposal (PP.2018.04) to rezone approximately 185 hectares of land at 2090 Sutton Road, and amend the Yass Valley LEP 2013. While the Department does not have any statutory responsibilities under national environmental law regarding changes to local and state planning instruments, we still appreciate the opportunity to provide input at this stage of the process and ensure proponents understand their obligations under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

If rezoning is approved, a referral under the EPBC Act may be required should the proposed subdivision and development have likely significant impacts on nationally protected matters. The proponent is encouraged to discuss the project directly with the Department, particularly around impacts to the Superb Parrot, and mapping of Box-Gum Woodland. We do note that measures to avoid, mitigate or compensate for impacts to matters of national environmental significance have been considered, including amending the subdivision footprint, having an environmental management zone and establishing Stewardship Sites, and retiring credits under the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Please call if you have any questions,
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