



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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Date: 3 December 2008  
EPBC Ref: 2008/4503  
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Dear Mr Erol

**Decision on referral  
Ararat Wind Farm, Ararat, Victoria  
(EPBC 2008/4503)**

This proposed action, to construct and operate the Ararat Wind Farm and associated on-site infrastructure, has now been considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**We have decided that the proposed action is not a controlled action and, as such, does not require assessment and approval by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts before it can proceed.**

A copy of the document recording this decision is enclosed.

Please note that this decision relates only to the potential for significant impact on the specific matters protected by the Australian Government under Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act.

There may be a need for separate state or local government environment assessment and approval to address potential impacts on state, regional or local environmental values.

The department has an active audit program for proposals that have been referred or approved under the EPBC Act. The audit program aims to ensure that proposals are implemented as planned and that there is a high degree of compliance with any associated conditions. You should be aware that your project may be selected for audit by the department at any time and all related records and documents may be subject to scrutiny. Information about the department's audit strategy is enclosed.

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the EPBC project manager and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Skippington  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch



**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action**

**Ararat Wind Farm, Ararat, Victoria (EPBC 2008/4503)**

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

**Proposed action**

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person named in the referral      Renewable Energy Systems Australia Pty Ltd

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proposed action                      To construct and operate the Ararat Wind Farm and associated on-site infrastructure, and as described in the referral submitted on 8 October 2008.

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**Referral decision: Not a controlled action**

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status of proposed action          The proposed action is not a controlled action.

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**Person authorised to make decision**

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Name and position                      Cathy Skippington  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch

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date of decision                         3 December 2008

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