

**Australian Government****Office of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner**

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Via email - [REDACTED]

Dear Owen

I refer to your concerns regarding the Lal Lal wind farm.

Consideration of your complaint to AEIC

Following your complaint to my office on 2 March 2025, I met with others addressed in your correspondence to obtain updates on their work on this matter.

As part of this update, I have been provided a copy of correspondence sent to you by EPA Victoria dated 22 May 2025 outlining their assessment (as the relevant regulator) of noise compliance for the facility. I note EPA Victoria have stated that:

- "EPA maintains the view that Lal Lal Wind Farm is currently complying with its obligations under the Act and Regulations"; and
- "EPA will not be taking further regulatory action at this time".

I also understand that the site operator is no longer willing to meet with you.

After considering those above matters, the terms of reference under which I operate and the scope of my role, I have determined that the AEIC cannot assist you further with your complaint and that there is no benefit to be gained by meeting with you.

Other communication

I also note your recent and frequent correspondence with myself and Carolyn Francis of my office serving documents [REDACTED]. As you are aware, the issues you have raised in this correspondence are outside the scope of the role of the AEIC and do not involve actions of current staff members in their role at the AEIC. I reiterate and agree with the points made to you by EPA Victoria relating to EPA's position regarding your recent correspondence.

I consider the nature of this correspondence to be highly inappropriate and reiterate that any similar correspondence from you is not accepted and will not be tolerated, acknowledged or responded to.

Next steps

If you are not satisfied with my response to your complaint, you may contact the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Information about how to contact the Commonwealth Ombudsman is available at <https://www.ombudsman.gov.au/contact-us>.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Tony Mahar in cursive script.

TONY MAHAR
AUSTRALIAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSIONER
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