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Dear Glenn

Thank you for your email of 22 December 2016 regarding your Kaimai Wind Farm project.

I thank you for informing me about this project. Wind energy has an important role to play in the future of New Zealand's power generation portfolio. I expect it will make an increasingly important contribution to New Zealand's energy mix, particularly as the New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011-2021 includes the goal that 90 percent of electricity generation be from renewable sources by 2025. Projects such as Kaimai Wind Farm will help New Zealand reach this target.

With regard to your invitation to attend public engagement meetings, I regret that I will be unable to attend, due to prior commitments.

Thank you for taking the time to write about this issue.

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Yours sincerely

Hon Judith Collins

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