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Re. Bango Wind Farm Project Application – Application Number SSD 6686

I am pleased to take the opportunity to make a submission in response to the Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application.

I am not in favour of the wind turbines being erected around Rye Park and Boorowa for the Bango Wind farm. I am very concerned as to the far reaching and irreparable environmental damage to an important vulnerable ecosystem. It will also be visually offensive and be disturbing because of the sounds and vibrations they cause. .

My name is Annette Halley-Barberis. I live in Rye Park with my family made up of my husband and two teenage children. I have lived in Rye Park on and off for 28 years. 15 years ago my husband and I settled here with our children and have since bought property and built a home in the village. I travel to Yass every day to work as a teacher at Yass High School where I have worked for the last 8 years.

We moved to Rye Park and enjoy living here because of the peace and natural beauty of the environment. We value the community spirit and the rural nature of the surrounding area.

We live 3kms away from the proposed wind turbine sites. I am not in favour of the wind turbines being erected around Rye Park as it will destroy the peaceful lifestyle and the fragile surrounding. There are many endangered species of birds and animals and plants in the proposed wind turbine areas as the woodlands that are marked to be cut down are the only habitats left for these flora and fauna.

The swift parrot is an endangered species which breeds in Tasmania and migrates through southern NSW. Confirmed sightings have been made of the Swift Parrot in and around Rye Park.

We also see micro bats flying at dusk to eat the insects and have seen them at close quarters hiding behind bark in sights deemed to be cleared for turbines.

There has been a confirmed sighting of the endangered Powerful owl which nests at several proposed turbine sights and feeds on arboreal native animals, which also rely on the remnant vegetation for habitat.

The endangered Superb Parrot is well known in the area and many millions of dollars has been spent in preserving it. However, its existence would be negatively impacted by the clearing of land and road verges for erection of turbines. The air disturbance and noise emitted by the turbines is also a hazard for birds and micro bats whose lungs burst because of the low pressure cells set up by the turbines.

Visual pollution and health issues

The 200m proposed wind turbines will be clearly visible from our residence as will the noise and the lights at night. The health problems that the noise and vibrations from these turbines cause in other locations such as Waubra in Victoria will compromise our health and wellbeing.

I call for a stop to all development of the Bango Wind farm on the grounds that the wind turbines proposed in the area would adversely affect the preservation of endangered flora and fauna species as well as prove incompatible with the rural character, infrastructure, land use and economic value of the area.

Yours sincerely

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I retain the right to submit further information