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NSW

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Director - Energy Assessments  
Development Assessment  
Department of Planning and Environment  
Parramatta  
NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Winterbourne Wind Farm. Application No SSD-10471

I write this letter in full support of the above application.

My association with this area of the State and the town of Walcha dates back to the late 1900's when my grandparents established a small retail business in the town and raised their family in that community. I was born in Walcha in 1949. I have wonderful memories and consider myself privileged for having my upbringing there. My parents moved away from Walcha during my later teen years. I still have a number of close friends and acquaintances living in this great little country town and area.

Like most responsible Australian residents, I realise that we must have our future power supplies available to us through alternative methods other than those generated through the current source of mainly coal and gas fired generators. I know that this change will take a very substantial amount of capital as well as new and advanced technology to realise the practicality of reliable energy and power.

Part of the solution to alternative energy is the building and installation of wind powered turbines. I have seen and observed their success in many parts of the world. The proposed project at Walcha would indeed help support the solution of the need for alternative energy both in NSW and Australia. I know the Company of Vestas that is proposing the project at Winterbourne and I am advised that they have submitted a very detailed and comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement to your Department. I personally know Mr Peter Bloomfield, who along with previous generations of the Bloomfield families, are and have been successful local Walcha farmers, who not only care for the future of their land but also are totally concerned for the environment of this country and the world.

This project would contribute enormously to the NSW Government's net zero target by 2050.

Such a project at Walcha would not only be of benefit to the future energy system of NSW, but also the much needed economic stimulus that it would give to this small town. Like all small country communities, a strong sustainable industry is required in each to maintain a viable future. Because of the climate and geography of Walcha, this area lends itself to a very successful application of wind farming. Enormous employment, financial and environmental benefits would flow to Walcha and district through the establishment of the proposed wind farm at Winterbourne.

I implore you to consider and approve this most needed and viable project.

Yours faithfully,



John Gates