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To Whom it may concern,

RE: WINTERBOURNE WIND FARM | APPLICATION NO. SSD-10471

I am making a submission **in support** of the Winterbourne Wind Farm project.

### **PREAMBLE**

I have been aware of the Winterbourne Wind Farm project from its earliest developmental stage and have followed its progress since that time. I have also, been impressed with the way it has progressed and that the town of Walcha's acceptance and their knowledge of how it will benefit financially with 'royalty' payments for the town and the educational, environmental and commercial benefits it will bring.

I am a committed environmentalist and trust the CSIRO's predictions about climate change the neglect of which is leading to quite devastating human and financial suffering, both in Australia and in many other parts of the world.

I was therefore surprised when I heard that a last minute group called 'VoiceforWalcha' had been formed to oppose this project especially since so many people have become aware of the urgent need to generate alternative energy to replace fossil fuel generation which is the cause of much global warming is happening faster than everyone predicted. I find it hard to understand the motivation of this last minute opposition group which purports to represent the community by means of peddling fear and untruths about this project. Moreover they oppose **all** forms of alternative energy in spite of the evident need all over the world to do the opposite. Recent international conferences have exposed how urgent is this need.

'VoiceforWalcha' have employed an unknown entity, a consultant called Mark Fogarty who openly boasts he's never lost a campaign like this one. He has established a group called 'VoiceforWalcha' He is not a local and was brought in to create division' I ask myself where is the money coming from to pay him?

This is a destructive movement because it is praying on the Walcha community, a place where people work together and have known about this wind farm project for years and never raised a voice against

it. Pitting citizens against each other is destructive and evil. I have been a visitor to this town for many years and have experienced its camaraderie and its generosity, especially when my beloved elder sister died in Walcha Hospital three years ago .

What I do know about this group is this:

The Current Federal Member of Parliament is Barnaby Joyce and is a committed Fossil Fuel **defender** and publicly opposes alternative energy projects such as wind farms.

Twelve other people close to him are:

Skewing the facts

Accosting people in the street to demand they come out against the wind farm

Spreading misinformation through the local media

Making phone calls to everyone in the district

Using radio and television to spread misinformation

Co-opting popular figures (such as a local author) to their cause

Pretending to present both sides of the case

Have established a web page and pod cast none of which even can vaguely stand up to scrutiny

Are personally writing submissions for people who they convince to be against the wind farm.

Another example of their activity:, They have told hotel owners they won't get business from the wind farm because workers will rent houses in the area.

**And are paying a consultant to orchestrate all this activity**

If this is enough to kill off a project such as Winterbourne Wind Farm then there can be no future for the people of Australia's undoubted support for projects of this kind.

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