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I OBJECT to the Winterbourne Wind Farm development.

My concern is with the visual outlook of the turbines, and the manner in which these turbines will dominate the landscape from our vantage point where we live, looking north across a beautiful landscape in the Walcha area. From our vantage point, we will see almost all of the 119 turbines through the day, and we will see red lights flashing through the night. It seems totally unfair that this will be imposed on us.

I believe that this mode of electricity generation is going to be soon outdated and is a poor choice for Walcha.

I am worried about the fact that the turbine blades are not recyclable and that they will be put into landfill somewhere. This is a huge volume of landfill that will blight the landscape.

I am concerned about the devaluation of property values in our area, particularly as our property is currently highlighted as a location with a beautiful outlook, that will be adversely affected.

I am concerned about the traffic impact all of the roads in the area, and the impact of heavy traffic, both to damage, as well as congestion from Bendemeer to Walcha, through town and to the east of Walcha. I am worried about the safety on these roads as vehicles will be held behind trucks and additional vehicles. Many of these roads do not have many passing opportunities and will lead to frustration for many.

I am worried about the impact on school buses, and for the safety of the children who may be waiting on the end of driveways for extra time as buses are delayed. Mixed with frustrated overtaking drivers, this is a major concern for safety in the community.

I am concerned about the decommissioning of these turbines at end of their life, as there is no bond in place as is the case with mining companies, to ensure there are funds for this purpose.

I am concerned about the boom-bust cycle of a 400 strong workforce entering and leaving a community of 2000 in the township.

I am really concerned about the construction of new transmission lines in the area, that will impact on everyone around these structures. I am concerned about the human and animal health impacts of the high voltage lines, as well as the visual impact.

Community disruption and division is a major concern that we have, and it has been a very difficult process for the community to deal with.

Kind regards,

Margaret Macfarlane

Signature

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "M. Macfarlane", written in a cursive style.