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Reference: Winterbourne Wind Farm SSD - 10471

I OBJECT to the Winterbourne Wind Farm development.

- I declare that I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years
- I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

I have lived in Walcha for 79 years, and so consider myself a local. One who knows and highly values this very special part of the world. I have been a grazier in the Winterbourne area.

I have quite a few objections to the Winterbourne Wind Farm project, but will only focus on two that I consider extremely important.

First, I strongly object to the huge traffic issues that will result from this project. The whole Walcha district will be affected in this, especially during the construction phase of at two years or so, but well beyond that if other proposed wind farms get off the ground. That really would be a nightmare for the Walcha community. The problem would go even further though, even as far as Tamworth and Armidale to a lesser degree.

My wife and I have grandchildren who actually go to school in Tamworth, so their travels will be seriously affected by this problem. We also are concerned about safety issues, given that the number of large and very large trucks on the road will be enormous. Winterbourne Wind PL seems to be downplaying the size and seriousness of this issue, and it's just plain wrong.

My second objection is about Health, both for people and animals. In their Social Impact Assessment in the EIS really only mainly deals with NOISE issues, but we all know that there are many more human health issues associated with wind farms than that. The same applies to environmental problems concerning wild life. Wild life in the Walcha area has already suffered seriously from bushfires and years of drought. The further harm that will be dealt out by large wind farms could well be the last straw for some of threatened creatures.

Kind regards,

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Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Burgh Blomfield".