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SSD No 10471 Winterbourne Wind Farm Walcha

Dear Sir,

I think it is totally unreasonable that in our vast nation, with millions of hectares suitable to solar energy harvesting, the small community of Walcha has been targeted to smother it with wind turbines.

In no way could the limited infrastructure of our village handle the massive amount of traffic, water, even gravel, needed to complete the construction of these massive structures and the associated poles and wires that will be needed.

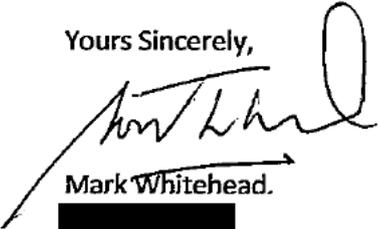
Moreover the biodiversity of our region, adjacent to the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, could be compromised and put at serious risk.

The confidentiality agreements made between the company and chosen landowners concern me: it seems at odds with our democratic principles.

I believe in the need for renewable energy but think the construction and de-commissioning of wind turbines results in an enormous amount of pollution, so much of it eco-unfriendly. Solar energy creates a far smaller carbon footprint.

These are just a few issues of many, which combined lead me to strongly object to the Walcha Wind Farm projects.

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Whitehead.

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