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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.

The reason for my position stated above
is the following:

① that we have not been supplied
enough information on a project by the
developer, on the impact that this
development will have on the whole
community of Walcha and its surrounds.

② The wilderness area east of Walcha is
renowned to be one of the most pristine
areas in the New England. Why on earth
construct an industrial site on this
beautiful unspoilt landscape and
threaten a world heritage national park.

③ As a resident of the Walcha township
the impact of truck, machinery, over sized
vehicles moving through the area during
the development stage of the project is

going to cause massive road congestion along with further road destruction. It will not only compromise local travellers and those who commute to the nearby larger towns for work and appointments, but the flow of tourists who travel from all directions to the area, to enjoy our unspoilt landscapes.

④ The fact that megalitres of water are going to be needed for this project - where is this water going to come from. Water is one of Malcha's biggest issues and if it has to be carted in, again thousands of truck loads travelling on our roads! More road congestion.

⑤ Road building gravel is going to be required to build some 113 kms of road ways for this project. Again where is this gravel going to be sourced? Thousand of tonnes of gravel will be required and it is a known fact that our existing gravel pits would not have anywhere near adequate supplies. Again further truck movements bringing in gravel from outside the area!

⑥ The visual impact of these wind turbines will be unsightly. 119 turbines, 230m high with flashing red or white lights in the night sky will be a dreadful eyesore for all to see. Why spoil our magical night skies which offer such beauty with displays of fascinating objects such as stars, constellations, bright planets, meteor showers.

⑦ The high voltage powerlines required in the region to connect the project to the main line will impact greatly on visual amenity for the community and the landholders.

⑧ The end of life de commissioning plan from the developer is also an enormous concern. There appears to be no bond included in the proposal. Who is responsible at the end of the life of this project?

⑨ Waste is another real concern. Where is the rubbish and waste from the project going to be deposited. Also the landfill burial of the un-recyclable blades at the end of life of the project.

⑩ The lack of transparency and community engagement of the developer, making the community aware of the project is evident. Inadequate information by the developer to the community is apparent and needs to be rectified if they believe this project is to go ahead.

⑪ If the project gets off the ground, an estimate of \$150 million of Revenue annually to be generated and the developer contributes half a million to the community annually. A pathetic contribution for the immense amount of negative impacts that the community will be asked to absorb.

The developer has a lot to answer for.

Kind regards

Paulino Street.