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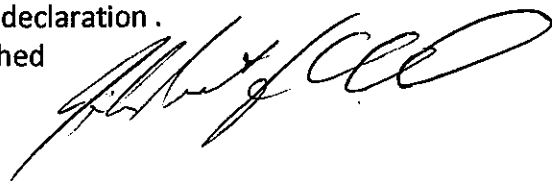
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Subject: JP SUBMISSION WINTERBOURNE

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Reference; Winterbourne Wind Farm SSD-10471

- I declare I have not made any political donations.
- I acknowledge and accept the Departments disclaimer and declaration .
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Having read the Winterbourne Wind Project EIS , I object strongly to this Project on the following grounds

1. BIODIVERSITY, I ,

Object to the land clearing affecting Koala Habitat

Object to the harm to and damage to habitat of endangered Raptors particularly the Wedgetail Eagle and Small eagle

Object to the clearing of native vegetation in a delicate, already stressed eucalypt population.

Object to the justification of the above by 'purchasing offsets'. **This is a totally flawed , deceptive smokescreen .. A nett loss of native , including endangered, species still occurs.**

2. COMPLETE LACK OF CONSULTATION.

We own two properties in close proximity

A. To the Uralla Switch Yard, some 500 m away)

B To the Transmission Line (some 500 m away)

C to Wind Towers (closest some 4 km away)

We have had **Zero** notification or consultation. Both of these properties have dwelling entitlements

3. CUMULATIVE IMPACT

EIS does not include at least 4 Projects in vicinity , **3 of which are being developed by Walcha Energy, the agent for Vestus** !(Two Brackendale Wind Projects and Ruby Hills Wind,

. The other is Salisbury Wind (Cubico)

4. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DURING CONSTRUCTION —One example; See EIS diagram of route around Tamworth; Obriens Lane—**No normal B Doubles allowed !!** presumably due to weight limit on Peel River bridge yet EIS has oversize, overweight vehicular movement

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through Obriens lane.

Intersection of Nundle Rd and New England Highway at Nemingha—Right turn here very dangerous and tight. Not at all suitable for oversize transports.If allowed would create major disruption particularly considering concurrent overlapping Project construction.

Concurrent development of overlapping Projects over many years. would render business inoperable and seriously affect tourism during years of construction.

5.COMPLETE LACK OF PROVISION FOR DECOMMISSIONING

In terms of **funding** and **plan for landfill and waste management**. I have **no confidence** in the Developer, or whoever the future owner may be at end of life, to decommission the infrastructure. There will almost certainly be new technology in 25 years to render these generators uneconomic. It is **naive to imagine** that the owner at end of life is going to decommission and remediate an obsolete asset. There is also the possibility that the owner may be insolvent or beyond Australian jurisdiction to prosecute.

6. VISUAL AMENITY AND TOURISM

Thunderbolts Way is an important and very scenic tourist entry route to Uralla and New England in general. With the **Real** Cumulative impact of this and associated Renewable projects this would change the environment from the advertised" pasture wonderland " to an industrial estate.

7.INABILITY TO EMPLOY AERIAL FIRE FIGHTING ADJACENT TO NATIONAL PARKS

self explanatory

8.INAPPROPRIATE SITING-

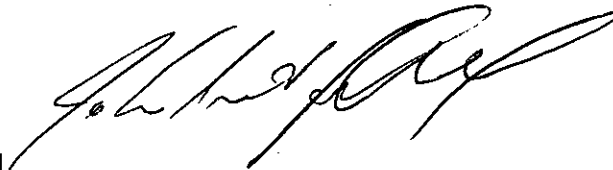
New England in general is totally unsuitable for large scale Wind and Solar Projects. There is conflict with Agriculture,Biodiversity and population density.

There are not the resources of water, gravel , access, rental accommodation,waste management,flora and fauna to accommodate the Cumulative impacts of the proposed REZ capacity.

Yours Sincerely,

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