

18/01/23 Received

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To Whom it may concern,

RE: WINTERBOURNE WIND FARM | APPLICATION NO. SSD-10471

- I am attaching my submission to the above-referenced development application
- I hereby declare that I support the Winterbourne Wind Farm proposal ID SSD-10471
- I would like my personal details (i.e., my full name):

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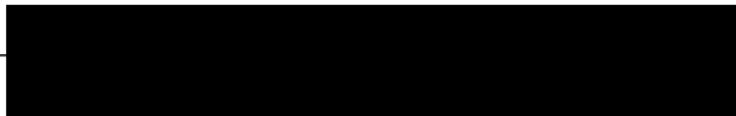
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- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years

Full Name:

MURRAY MCRAE SCHAEFER.

Address:



TO: DIRECTOR - ENERGY ASSESSMENT

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SUBMISSION

— BEING IN FAVOUR OF THE WALLA
WIND FARM. —

ATTACHED IS MY REASONING

YOURS SINCERELY

A handwritten signature in black ink.

MURRAY MCRAE SCHAEFER

Hello Greg,

I read the correspondence from "Voice for Walcha" that you sent to me.

They sound a bit like the objectors to a proposed DA for a 60 lot subdivision of a 130 acre DA that adjoins our property at Nelsons Plains. Even though we will be most affected by it due to having the longest boundary adjoining, (we join on 2 of the 4 boundary's) and a right of way through it we stayed entirely neutral despite pressure from the objectors to "join their side"

We took the view that the owners of the land were entitled to do whatever they were legally entitled to do with their land (provided we still had B Double access, 3 phase power and water).

Interestingly, the most vocal opponents were people that already lived on 2 to 5 acre blocks, with the ring leaders not affected by the development at all, as they at Wallalong. This same "Wallalong Action Group" is opposed to any development or progress within a 40km radius and they have put submissions into Council opposing this, other sub divisions, quarry expansions, residential developments etc. They claim to be the voice for the whole community, but most wish that "they would just mind their own business"

The Walcha Wind proposal reminds me of when Biada first got serious in the Manilla and Somerton area with chicken sheds about 35 years ago. Biada paid over the then current market value for properties and many of the smaller struggling farmers who sold to them were extremely grateful. I lived in Manilla then. Most of the objectors were the wealthy established farming families who were not impacted by the Biada chicken sheds at all. They could not even see the sheds or smell the sheds. They had all sorts of objections such as visual, increased traffic, water concerns, dust --- you name it. However, as I was told numerous times "Biada has made it harder for us to expand, farm labour is going to get harder to get". They could not care about the benefits to the vendors (they were jealous of this,) or, the benefits to the town businesses, local fencing or earth moving contractors, builders etc. The list goes on. Biada is now the major employer in the area. It is fortunate that the local councils allowed the development of the Biada Company

A similar process happened at Mudgee with The Washington Developments sub-divisions, and, the development of the Mudgee wine industry. Council, supporting these 2 developments transformed a stagnant, dying town into a vibrant community, despite a major campaign against them from the established gentry.

I believe the above 2 scenarios are examples of the process that Walcha will go through – multiples of lies, fact manipulation, exaggerations and sheer jealousy, mixed with some truths (yes, if you look hard enough you will see wind turbines on the horizon, but if you look the other way you will see a neighbour's new shed or fencing that is enabled by the increase in total wealth of the Walcha Shire as a result of Walcha Wind. If you own a house or a business in Walcha you will benefit as well, and local work for your kids will be more available.

I find 2 comments from the "Voice for Walcha" particularly distasteful.

1. Re the "signing of contracts under duress from the drought". This implies that all who signed the contracts were mentally challenged, and not capable of financial management, and, should not have been allowed to make such decisions regarding their own property.
2. The comment regarding "thirty pieces of silver" indicates that potential vendors or lessors need to seek the approval of a Voice of Walcha appointed guardian of their own property. (The Voice of Walcha must have an almighty opinion of themselves if they believe their stature is aligned with the 11 other disciples / apostles. I wonder if the people who signed off on this "we are mentally superior" letter are seeking to have their breeding livestock that they sold during the drought returned to them.

Re my letter to The Land last week. It was not Anti Wind Farm view. It was a letter about the demise of Australian Manufacturing, and further deterioration of manufacturing and job opportunities under enforced carbon reduction legislation. The ultimate winner will be China. I have not seen the carbon footprint of the international shipping mentioned in main stream media anywhere. In fact, they are specifically excluded from both the Copenhagen and the Paris agreements. This also aids China. There is a lot of misinformation out there regarding the "Climate", fostered by a collective, ill- informed narrative.