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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 moved to Walcha nearly 8 years ago from Sydney because I retired and I loved the small community.

I object to the Winterbourne Wind Farm Project for the following reasons:

1. This is not in the country's best interests. It is not affordable. It will not create cheaper power. This technology will rapidly become redundant. The only jobs it will create will be for waste disposal of redundant solar panels and wind turbine blades.
2. It will create unaffordable power prices as the renewable power created will not be able to sustain base load power.
3. The visual aspect is of great concern to this small community.
4. The damage to the local roads due to the high levels of oversize and overmass vehicles. The length of time it will take and the inability of people to access Tamworth and Armidale due to the number of vehicles on the road is too much for our community to bear.
5. The destruction of the biodiversity on the edge of the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park and the developers ability to offset this with a \$64 million payment is reprehensible.
6. This whole development is unnecessary. There are much cheaper, reliable, long term alternatives to create energy, such as small nuclear modules. Why is Walcha being subjected to this unfolding disaster?

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