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Letter of support for the Winterbourne Wind Farm (proposal ID SSD-10471).

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to outline my reasons for supporting the Winterbourne Wind project. I would firstly like to state that I am one of the hosting property owners. I feel the negotiations with the landholders involved in this project were handled quite well. Landholders were able to work as a consolidated group with legal assistance. This group approach meant that all concerns or queries raised by landholders were addressed in a timely manner by the developers. This has enabled the process to run relatively smoothly.

As a member of the Walcha community I feel the developers have communicated quite well with the community. This communication has included information leaflets in the free Aspley Advocate, open days at the bowling club, stalls at the local show as well as their office in the main Street. Anyone with questions or concerns have been encouraged to come along and get the correct information from the source.

It is my belief that a project of this size is beneficial to our small town. During the development stage there will be more labour needed and these staff will utilise local business for accommodation, hospitality, fuel, groceries, etc. After the initial development any permanent staff would most likely bring their families and this population growth will also be beneficial to Walcha's small community. The community funding being offered by the developers is an excellent opportunity for Walcha. Funding can benefit all aspects of our community from sporting clubs, community groups and schools to the installation or upgrading of much needed facilities.

Besides the community fund, the Walcha council would benefit from this project in regards to roads being improved to allow truck access as well as receiving income for the use of resources such as gravel and water.

As an host landholder we would personally benefit financially. I look forward to this as it would enable us to better manage for drought and unexpected disasters. However it would also be a benefit to our children through education as well as the opportunity for them to take over the property in the future with the security of the passive income generated by wind.

I am a supporter of renewable energy as over many years I have watched the degradation of areas where coal mining is undertaken and feel there is a great need to utilise better sources such as wind.

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