EIS Winterbourne Wind Farm Submission

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I strongly disagree with the construction of the Winterbourne wind Farm, NSW. I say

- NO, to the size and location. 22,000 hectares of prime agricultural land producing fibre and food. 119 turbines, 230 metres high. 113 km of new roads, demand on existing roads, 50km of new transmission lines, the impact on the flora, fauna and the physical environment.
- 2. NO, to the disruption that will be caused by construction traffic. 860 light vehicles.418 heavy vehicles, a total of 1278 vehicles per day. There is no mention of oversized vehicles to be used, in the EIS.
- 3. NO, to the demand on rental accommodation that is extremely limited in Walcha and surrounding cities. No, to the drain on the very limited work force available in Walcha.
- 4. NO, because of the lack of decommissioning details and funding that should be set aside for this.
- 5. NO, to the health impacts to neighbours and township residents. Noise, vibration, dust, flicker, fibre dispersal, visual and traffic impacts. No, to the emissions created to build this Wind Farm.
- NO, there are very limited resources of gravel and water available in the local area for the construction of the wind turbines and associated infrastructure.
- NO, to the possibility of disruptions to telecommunications signals. Business and personal requirements, essential especially in emergency situations.
- 8. NO, to the inadequate biodiversity study on the wind farm habitat. Completed in Winter after a severe drought and a nearby extreme bushfire.
- NO, to the destruction of native habitat and using an Ecosystem Credit scheme to compensate our beautiful environment. It's home to endangered and threatened species. It cannot be replaced.
- 10. NO, to the creation of a no-fly zone for aircraft. No aerial fertilizer application by air, no rescue helicopter, no bushfire aircraft for firefighting on farms and in the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. Disastrous!
- 11. NO, to foreign owned developers and foreign owned control of our electricity and energy prices.
- 12. NO, because the Wind Turbine hosts, neighbours, community and local council DID NOT have the detailed facts and associated impacts available to them in the EIS before signing agreements. A very limited knowledge to base major decisions on.

My recommendation would be to relocate the Winterbourne Wind Farm to a more isolated location.

An even better solution would be to use Australian developed or owned Small Modular Reactors (SMR) located at coal power stations. The infrastructure already built.

The government needs to look into the future for more efficient modern energy production.

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