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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'd disclaimer and declaration.

Dear Iwan

I have many reasons for objecting to the development. These are just four:

- (1) The extreme disruption to transport in and around Walcha during the Construction phase of the project.** This phase will be for at least 2-3 years, but of course longer if other wind farm projects go ahead. There are dangers and risks to life as well, especially on the road between Tamworth and Walcha. The project's EIS in no way properly addresses this very important issue.
- (2) The serious EIS miscalculations as to quantities, availability and costs of key resources and services for constructing the wind farm.** Water and Gravel are the two main resources for this, and the EIS extremely underestimates their costs and quantities, as well as their local availability. Trucking for the project has also been severely underestimated in the EIS
- (3) The fact that the EIS is actually not even a full and finished document.** This is perhaps the most damning aspect of the project. It is beyond-belief disgraceful that such a massive document should still only be a fluid statement that by its own admission still contains errors and mistakes left for its readers to locate and correct.
- (4) The Lack of Social Licence.** The Winterbourne Wind Farm project is not supported by anything like a representative sample of the Walcha Community. The most that the EIS could claim are just a few very small local community gatherings which gave very limited support for the project. The only reputable data comes from the **VoiceforWalcha** survey of 623 residents, in which more than 86% had real concerns about the project, while approximately half of the supporters were actually host landholders.

Yours faithfully

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