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Re: Burrendong Wind Farm Submission

I am writing to you in reference to the Burrendong Wind Farm proposal and would like to voice my wholehearted objection and abhorrence to its development.

The Burrendong Wind Farm proposal encompasses the Worlds End Ridgeline and this is of significance to me as our friends the Pedersen family own a property at 167 Rockford Lane, Yarrabin. 167 Rockford Lane was hand built by the Pedersen's and was to be a legacy for future generations and their friends and families to enjoy. It is a place of serenity, peace and quiescence and was built with the purpose of being a Lifestyle home for their family and friends to enjoy the wonders of nature at its finest; to enjoy life away from the hustle and bustle, noise and pollution of the big cities. We have traditionally enjoyed annual visits at Easter whereby there can be between 20 to 50 people all camping and enjoying what the property has to offer. Beauty, wildlife, peace, the most amazing sunsets and stars. I saw my first shooting star there at the ripe old age of 35. There have been numerous celebrations and traditions at this property and the Pedersen family are so generous in opening their home and their hearts to every single person who has visited their sacred home.

The mental and emotional stress this has caused and will continue to cause not only to the Pedersen family, but to the community as a whole who are tight knit, is irreversible. They can now look forward to their properties decreasing in value, their vista's ruined and ultimately lead to them not wanting to live in or visit their own precious piece of paradise. Who wants to leave the flashing lights of the city for flashing lights in the country and where pollution will be greater. It is suggested BPA from the turbines will flow into the drinking water catchment areas for immediate property owners and the greater Mudgee area. What was once pristine water will apparently make you infertile because of the terrible emissions these revolting blots on the landscape discharge.

Now, the Pedersen's and locals alike can see their dream eroding away before them and all the hard work, blood, sweat and tears seemingly worth absolutely nothing. No one will want to visit, they won't be able to sell because to be honest, who wants to live next to turbines and power lines. It's like a scene out of the movie The Castle 'how's the serenity'!!! It won't be getting back to nature; nature will be taken away forever. Is that really trying to preserve this beautiful planet we live on?

The horrifying and devastating affects this proposed development will have on flora and fauna cannot go unnoticed. I'm pretty sure we are trying to save our Koala's but coincidentally the area where Koala's live, Burrendong, will be destroyed to make way for these unsightly and quite frankly useless objects. All in the name of climate change and clean, renewable energy. I believe 600 hectares will be destroyed, taking with it all the bushland and wildlife. Save the trees? No thanks instead we'll bulldoze them for some unrealistic, expensive and utterly stupid and unreliable renewable energy source. Say goodbye to Wedge Tail Eagles, Cockatoos, Koalas, Fish in the River Systems, bats just to name a few. I am sure Mother Nature isn't thanking you for this policy on climate change.

I urge you to listen to these communities and take responsible and educated actions to climate change. Wind turbines are not the answer, not in Burrendong, not anywhere. They do not release the output they are designed for. Most lay idle, they are ugly, emit noise pollution and visual pollution,

costly to the environment and the community and are the most unrenewable renewable energy there is.

I feel that the government here in Australia and all over the world think we are really gullible and uneducated to buy that these structures are saving the planet. It's a gigantic wave of Political nonsense to ensure their citizens live in fear of rising temperatures, the only option to continue to live on this planet is to focus on this source of renewable energy as the face of change to save our precious Earth. Who wins? The overseas conglomerates. And let's not start on that topic.

I would like my objection to be based on the amazing Pedersen Family, the community of Burrendong and all of the other families and communities Australia wide facing the devastation to be caused to their incomes, lifestyles, wellbeing and futures by the proposed introduction of Wind Turbines and the idealistic quest for renewable energy. This could also happen to me and my family after recently relocating to the country. The imposing fear that we could have this very thing happen to us will make me, our family, friends and communities more relentless in our fight against this ridiculousness.

Yours Sincerely,

Anna Ferguson.