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State Planning Minister

Sir,

Re: Resubmitted Planning Permission for R.O.B.E.

Thank you for the opportunity for making a public submission regarding the potential R.O.B.E. development at Wagga Wagga. This development will take place in the Bomen region.

I have several objections to the planning resubmission.

First, there is a significant local environmental impact difference between the initial road submission and the current R.O.B.E submission. The most significant of these is noise, pollution and visual impact for the local region.

In the initial documentation there was to be one 27 metre high silo. There will now be in excess of seven buildings that are more than 27 metres high. This represents a significant visual impact for a massive area of north Wagga. These buildings will be able to be seen far and wide. There is not enough detail in the planning submission to document how this visual impact is to be mitigated.

Further to this there is a significant change in activity in regards to the plant. At first Biodiesel was to be produced. Now oilseed is to be crushed. With this change pollution will increase. Whilst environmental studies have been undertaken to assess noise and noxious odour impact, the weather station that these calculations have been based on is at a locality known as Forest Hill. Forest Hill is more than 20 km from Bomen. I would suggest that the weather patterns are completely different between these two localities. The topography is completely different. Therefore weather figures from Forest Hill cannot be extrapolated to Bomen. Therefore any estimation from the R.O.B.E. submission regarding these issues is false.

Thirdly, water is a significant issue in this development. The resubmission suggests that water usage will exceed 174 mega litres a year. There will be construction for a 40 mega litre dam only. Therefore the shortfall will have to be made out of local water supplies. Until we had recent decent rain the water table level in Wagga had fallen to catastrophic levels. Further west of Wagga towns are importing water. I do not think that water usage of this scale is sustainable without provision for further water salvage.

These issues are serious. If you are remotely interested in environmental impact then this company must be made to provide more water storage. It must be made to mitigate the effects of ridge line development. It must be made to mitigate pollutants, odour and noise.

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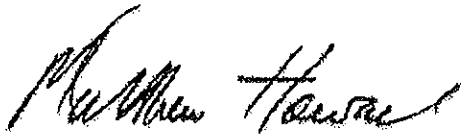
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Thank you very much once again. I look forward to hearing a response from you shortly.

Kind regards,
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