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Reference Application Number SSD-10471

I would like to object to the Winterbourne Wind Project for the following reasons.

There has been a considerable division in the community caused by the poor engagement by the developer and involved landowners in the discussion of the project with the wider community. The project was first proposed in the early 2000's and the details have been kept secret from the community until the last several years. The events organised by Vestas have had very poor attendance by the general community, which can be seen in the Appendix R – 4.3.2 Local Residents – Wider Community. I do not believe that the Engagement Objectives in section 5.2.1 of the main EIS document have been fulfilled in regards to having social licence.

I am concerned that the details of changes to roads have not been adequately planned or that arrangements with council have been established in regards to how the road impacts are funded, both during the course of the development and during the time of development and during the operation and post operation of the project. Also the impact to secondary roads that will be adopted as alternate routes need to be included.

The EIS indicates that no final arrangements have been made in regards to where the water and gravel required for the project will be sourced from, and so these movements are not included in the traffic movements. The developer has not been able to demonstrate that they even been able to source these materials.

I also believe that the proposed payments for decommissioning put the landowners and community at risk should the project be abandoned by an owner of the project in the future. I feel that a bond needs to be lodged at the start of the project by the developer to protect the eventual owner of the land at the end of the project, and the council and community should the landowner be unable to fund decommissioning.