

## **Winterbourne Wind Farm (SSD-10471)**

Thank you for the opportunity to express concerns regarding the Winterbourne Wind Farm development. We strongly object to the application.

### **Reasons for objection**

The developers are foreign owned and solely in the development for profits. No vested interests in the Walcha community exist. The developer will not care about future impacts on the town, region, or environment. This development will destroy the natural beauty of the landscape and result in visual devastation.

The Environmental Impact Study appears to be misleading, vague, short on detail or incorrect in parts. A true sign that the developer has no interest in this region.

### **Visual impact**

The development will destroy our visual outlook. The night pollution from flashing tower lights will impact our lifestyle and the rural outlook that we currently enjoy.

### **Water**

The Winterbourne Wind Farm Soil and Water Assessment lists the local Council water supply as a viable option for external water supply source during construction activities, such as concrete batching. The assessment states “good quality water is required for concrete production for WTG footings”.

As users of the local supply, we have major concerns that drawing water from the local supply will dramatically affect the local water supply and lead to future water restrictions on residents when weather patterns return to dry times.

If this development proceeds, the proposal should be amended to remove the local Council water supply as a viable option during the construction phase.

### **Roads**

The increased traffic on the local roads and town streets will be significant.

We use Thunderbolts Way, Uralla Road, Jamieson Street and Ohio Road daily. Increased traffic movements, delays, noise, dust and safety are of major concern. Damage to the pavements will be massive. This should not become the responsibility of the local Council or the residents who use these roads daily.

The route from Bendemeer to Walcha on the Oxley Highway will be greatly impacted. No overtaking lanes exist. Heavy vehicle movements along this route will affect the safety of all road users, blocking traffic and the essential services that the community rely upon.

### **Waste streams**

No waste should be directed to the local landfills. These assets are currently financially stressed, and the local Council/ratepayers should not bare the extra costs associated with waste disposal.

**Housing/accommodation shortage**

The current housing/accommodation shortage will become far worse. House prices and rents will dramatically increase locking locals out of the market. Land values will drop for land that is visually affected by the development or in close vicinity.