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Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir

Re: **Bodangora Wind Farm MP10_0157**

I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Bodangora Wind Farm on the following grounds:

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure along with the NSW Premier and Ministers (both the previous government and the current government) have all been given ample evidence, reports and hundreds of complaints that strongly suggest that wind farms in NSW are causing negative impacts to the health and lifestyle of many residents and communities surrounding the established and proposed wind farms. These impacts are not unique to NSW and have been reported for many years around the world. To date the NSW Government and Department of Planning and Infrastructure have failed to adequately address these issues.

These issues include the following:

- * Lack of community consultation
- * Transparency of dealings and contractual secrecy, including the silencing of those dealing with the Wind Energy Developers
- * Health
- * Noise and Vibration – audible, low frequency and infrasound, both inside and outside of homes
- * Destruction of the local environment, flora and fauna
- * Safety issues relating to blade throw and fire danger and the inability to fight fires with a certain distance

- * Further damage to already dangerous country roads and the Wind Energy Developer's ability to uphold a promise to upgrade and repair such roads.
- * Destruction of historic, heritage and cultural areas
- * Shadow flicker
- * Property devaluation and sale ability
- * Reduced agricultural productivity
- * Aviation and aerial agriculture
- * Division of rural communities and alienation within families and lifelong friendships
- * Destruction of rural social infrastructure and the reluctance to help one another in time of need, which has always been and integral part of rural lifestyle
- * Economics and Efficiency
- * Decommissioning and the fact that companies are not forced to put up an upfront bond to guarantee the safe removal of turbines at end of life and the rehabilitation of land
- * Environmental Assessments that are flawed or tailored to the clients need

The issues are not limited to the above and with the work of many independent professionals from around the globe and wind farms maturing, more problems are surfacing and one of the latest issues is wind energy developments showing significantly high levels of EMF's at wind farms overseas. (please see attachment)

The NSW Government and Department of Planning and Infrastructure have not done their "Due Diligence" or fulfilled their "Duty of Care" to the citizens of NSW. It is therefore seen that if any further wind energy developments are approved in NSW and if the issues surrounding the existing developments and those approved and not yet built are not adequately addressed by taking a multidisciplinary approach to research and if appropriate measures to address these issues are not put in place to protect our citizens, then the NSW Government and Department of Planning and Infrastructure would be negligent in their "Duty of Care" to the citizens of NSW.

I therefore petition the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the NSW Government to disallow the Bodangora Wind Farm proposal.

Yours sincerely

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