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6th August 2012

Att: James Archdale

Dear Sir,

RE: Bodangora Wind Farm MP10_0157

The attachments form part of the Bodangora Wind Turbine Awareness Group's submission to the proposed Bodangora Wind Farm.

The BWTAG object to the Bodangora Wind Farm's noise assessment and we submit the attached report from Steven Cooper to support our claims.

We have attached the recent report from Stony Gap Wind Farm and the decision by Goyder Council Assessment Development Panel to refuse the Stony Gap Wind Farm on health grounds.

The Bodangora Wind Turbine Awareness Group would also like to proponent to answer the following question;

"Can the proponents of the Bodangora Wind Farm, guarantee that residents living around, nearby and out to a distance of 8klms of the Bodangora Wind Farm will not have health affects caused from wind turbines?"

Enclosed is the letter sent to Infigen from the Industrial Wind Turbine Awareness Mudgee Alliance dated 30th July 2012, written as a result of Mr Jonathan Upson's comments at a public meeting held at the Wellington Civic Centre 22nd July 2012 and hosted by the Bodangora Wind Turbine Awareness Group. Our group endorses the Mudgee Alliance view and would like the proponent of the Bodangora Wind Farm to give a written guarantee that;

"Will the company guarantee that there will be?

- i. No noise impacts
- ii. No sleep disturbance
- iii. No offensive noise."

The BWTAG object to the lack of community consultation and on the 22nd July 2012, and held their own information forum, for the Wellington Community, hosted and funded by the BWTAG, after the proponents refused to do so.

The proponents tried to dominate the proceedings and engaged the services of a 'Sonus' representative, from Adelaide, to set up sound equipment on the front footpath and the entry into the Wellington Civic Centre.

The proponents did not have the courtesy to ask the organisers of the meeting and when asked by the centre manager to move on from the footpath, Sonus and proponents set the equipment up across the road to the meeting venue.

This created a situation where wind turbine noise was being played from across the meeting venue, by the proponents, and at 50 meters away the sound that attendees thought they heard to be wind turbines was not reproduced in a way to accurately give a wind turbine noise assessment. The BWTAG felt that the proponents deliberately tried to sabotage the meeting and they portrayed the wind turbine noise was misleading.

The BWTAG requests the right to submit further reports on the Bodangora Wind Farm.

Thankyou for the opportunity to do so,

Regards

Lyn Jarvis on behalf of,
Bodangora Wind Turbine Awareness Group

Attachment 1. bwtag

Stony Gap Wind farm refused by Goyder Council Development Assessment Panel on health grounds

This has not happened elsewhere in Australia. **At last, a local planning authority is listening to the concerns of local residents.**

The panel heard testimony from people at Waterloo (the next range over from the Stony Gap wind development) who live out to 8km away from wind turbines whose lives have been significantly detrimentally affected, The same company (TRU Energy) owns Waterloo and they have done nothing to investigate the current problems at Waterloo, and deny their existence, because there is "no peer reviewed published evidence".

Stony Gap Wind farm refused by Goyder Council Development Assessment Panel on health grounds

Today (1st August 2012) at Burra the Regional Council of Goyder Development Assessment Panel refused consent of the 41 turbine Stony Gap wind farm on the basis of community health concerns.

The panel voted 3 : 2 in favour of refusing consent.

Elected members Jane Kellock and Peter Dunn asked probing questions of the Wind farm proponents and were not convinced by the responses to their concerns about the impact on 4 households between 1.25 and 2 km from proposed towers.

Councillor Dunn proposed the motion to refuse consent and this was seconded by Councillor Kellock. One other Dap member voted in support of CR Dunn's motion.

The Solicitor for TRUenergy said no one could guarantee there would be no health impacts. Not his exact words.

He also said there were only 4 non stakeholder houses within 5 km . This is not true as the township of Burra is around 4.5 km from the closest proposed turbine.

TRUenergy said after the meeting that they will appeal the decision through the ERD Court.

For more information on the wording of the motion and other details contact John Brak, the DAP Public Officer at Goyder Council

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Attachment 2.
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30th July 2012

To: Mr. Miles George
Managing Director
Infigen Energy

Copies: Mr Jonathon Upson and Mr David Griffin

Dear Mr George

RE: PROPOSED BODANGORA WIND FARM

I am the president of the Industrial Wind Turbine Awareness Mudgee Alliance. I was present at the public meeting of concerned citizens held at the Wellington Civic Hall on the 22/7/12. At that meeting Mr. Jonathon Upson spoke as the representative and authorized officer of your company.

At that meeting Mr. Upson was asked the following question:-

“Will the company guarantee that there will be

- iv. No noise impacts
- v. No sleep disturbance
- vi. No offensive noise.”

Mr. Upson replied ‘Yes’. The questioner then asked if he would put that in writing and Mr. Upson replied “If you want it in writing. Yes.”

Further to Mr. Upson’s representation on behalf of the Company, please confirm in writing your company’s position as stated above. Secondly, will the company enter into individual “deeds of guarantee” agreements with those individuals of our alliance who believe they may be potentially impacted by the Bodangora Wind farm proposal?

I await your reply.

Yours faithfully