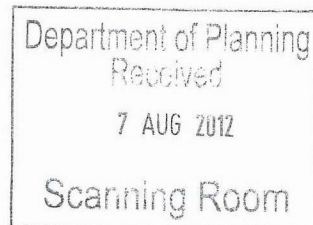




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54 Watts Road  
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1<sup>ST</sup> August 2012

Major Projects Assessment  
Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
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Sydney NSW 2001



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Bodangora Wind Farm - Major Project Application MP10-0157

When I purchased my property (Lot 2/837502 and Lot A/389341) at 430 Gillinghall Rd, Bodangora, at Auction on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012, I did not know about the proposed Bodangora Wind Farm. I later received a letter from the Bodangora Wind Turbine Awareness Group advising me that according to the GPS co-ordinates they have it appears three wind turbines numbers 28, 30 and 34 are on the property I recently purchased. I saw a news article in the Land Newspaper about the proposed wind farm, this advised of a meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 in Wellington at the Civic Centre.

I went to the awareness meeting to view a map of the area and obtain more knowledge. The Bodangora Awareness Group gave me contact details and advised me to access the Department of Planning NSW website to source further information about this proposed project. I also made myself known to David Griffin (General Manager, Development, Infigen Energy) and discussed my situation getting his contact details and I gave him my contact details.

I rang David Griffin on three separate occasions each time to query if there was a lease on my property and/or wind turbines, he advised me he would email me that evening on each occasion regarding this issue. I have not received a response from him.

My mother, Lorraine Mackenzie then contacted Mr Griffin by email on my behalf on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012, advising that I had contacted him repeatedly for a copy of the presumed lease and requesting that it be sent that day in order for me to read on my break from work. David did email back and asked for the Lot and DP numbers and proof of purchase to confirm the right land parcel. Lorraine replied giving Lot and DP numbers and directions to help him find my property stating this is directly across the road from the planned construction site office and laydown area and between turbine numbers 34 and 30 (on Figure 1.3 Project Overview attached). Lorraine also mentioned that on the Major Project Application she has searched for his lot numbers but has not found them and feels this is strange as Infigen have a proposed new access road planned for my property and she advised him that she is awaiting his quick response.

On a separate email Lorraine provided proof of me taking ownership of this property. Still on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August I have not received any details from Infigen.

I would like to make an objection to Major Project Application MP10-0157, Bodangora Wind Farm on the following grounds:

1. Infigen state in the Bodangora Wind Farm Environmental Assessment Introduction 1-11:

*Bodangora Wind Farm Pty Ltd has entered into leases and agreements with the land owners of the properties within the project area. The leases and agreements provide the consent for the lodgement of the Environmental Application, and to allow for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the wind farm. As described within the EA, Bodangora Wind Farm Pty Ltd has developed the wind farm layout in close consultation with the land owners within the project area.*

I am placed directly in the 'Project Area' and wind 'Turbine Envelope', the construction site office and laydown area is directly opposite the entrance to my property. On the Bodangora Wind Farm Project Figure 1.3 there is a proposed new access track through my property between wind turbines 34 and 30. The close consultation Infigen claims with land owners is not apparent in my case. Infigen have advised me they will send me emails with more information and this has not been fulfilled.

2. There is a road planned to go through my property connecting wind turbine 30 and 34. I object to this and have made no agreement with Infigen to place this road through my property. This will divide my property compromising my agricultural ventures and making my work on this property more difficult.

3. Further, the Bodangora Wind Farm Environmental Assessment Chapter 12.5 state:

The following has been taken into regard for the design of new access roads:

- consultation with land owners, and the location of existing access tracks on wind farmer properties with a preference to upgrade existing access roads wherever possible.

Also stated is that access roads will be required for ongoing maintenance of the wind farm during operation.

Infigen have not replied to any of my requests for more information about the proposed new access track through my property. I have not given them any permission. I have also checked with my solicitor and there was no registered Lease agreement on the contract at the time of purchase and the previous owners have advised that they have also not signed any agreements for access to my property. This consultation process has not occurred with me and I do not want my property affected for the life of the wind turbine contract with ongoing traffic and maintenance on a road that divides my property and impacts my plans for the land.

4. Figure 1.3 show wind turbines 30, 34, 35 and 37 are placed near the boundaries of my property, Turbine 34 and 30 are near narrow areas of my land that I pass through regularly. This will expose me and to anyone working on my property to the health risks associated with wind turbines. As a property owner I have a duty of care to the safety of people on my property. At the 'Bodangora Awareness Meeting' health issues were mentioned and discussed in detail and at length. It was made clear to me that building houses would not happen within 2kms of the wind turbines due to noise levels and potential health risks these include; tinnitus, headaches, dizziness, vertigo, blood pressure issues, chest pain, depression, bleeding noses and panic attacks. I will regularly be working



within a 2km area of the wind turbines and I am concerned about all the implications this could have to my health and any others on the property.

5. The construction process presents potential hazards in the form of noise pollution and movement of heavy machinery, this will make working the property very difficult. Chapter 12 of the Bodangora Wind Farm Environmental Assessment Traffic and Transport expect a maximum of 120 vehicles per day during construction this will make accessing my property difficult with the construction site office and laydown area directly opposite my property and the planned truck movement through the planned access track on my property (which I have not given permission for).

6. These wind turbines are of a large scale and detract from the natural beauty of the area.

7. In the Preliminary Environmental Assessment 1.6 Key Stakeholders. It is stated: the success of a wind farm project relates closely to the early engagement of key stakeholders to achieve a consultation process which is transparent, effective and thorough, it then states key stakeholders are the land owners of the subject land ('The Owners'). As an owner and key stakeholder of the subject development I object to this planned project as no consultation has occurred with me.

8. In the Preliminary Environmental Assessment 5.2 Land Use it states some site specific impact may occur for the properties on which turbines or turbine access roads are located, particularly during construction, site specific impacts of pastoral land will be taken into account during consultation with land owners and during the preparation of the Construction Management Plan. Infigen have failed to consult with me any impacts to my property or plans made for my property. I do not want my pastoral land impacted.

9. In the Preliminary Environmental Assessment 5.6 Shadow Flicker and Blade Glint is discussed and response in Environmental Assessment Section 8.4.1 and 8.4.2. With my property having 2 wind turbines (34 and 30) on either side of the property and a proposed new road and underground cabling between them on a narrow section of my land I feel that this will make things very difficult for the movement of stock between paddocks.

10. Figure 4.2 (attached) Dwellings and Land Ownership lists the owners with a 'Land Owner Agreement' my property is listed as Land Owner G with a Land Owner Agreement. There is no agreement with Infigen for my land to be used for the Bodangora Wind Farm.

11. The Director-General's Requirements for this project state Consultation Requirements that the Proponent must undertake a consultation programme as part of the environmental assessment process, including consultation with, but not necessarily limited to landowners. This requirement has not been met, with no consultation with myself a land owner who is directly impacted.

12. Part 3A of the Environmental and Planning Assessment 1979 advises that stakeholder and community consultation is critical as well as land owner consent. As a stakeholder and land owner I have had no consultation from Infigen and I have not given consent for the use of my land as is required within these Regulations.

I realise renewable energy is a topic high on agendas these days but should this be put before a person's greatest asset, their health and if health is affected this then affects the ability to run and manage prime agricultural land, another of our futures important assets.

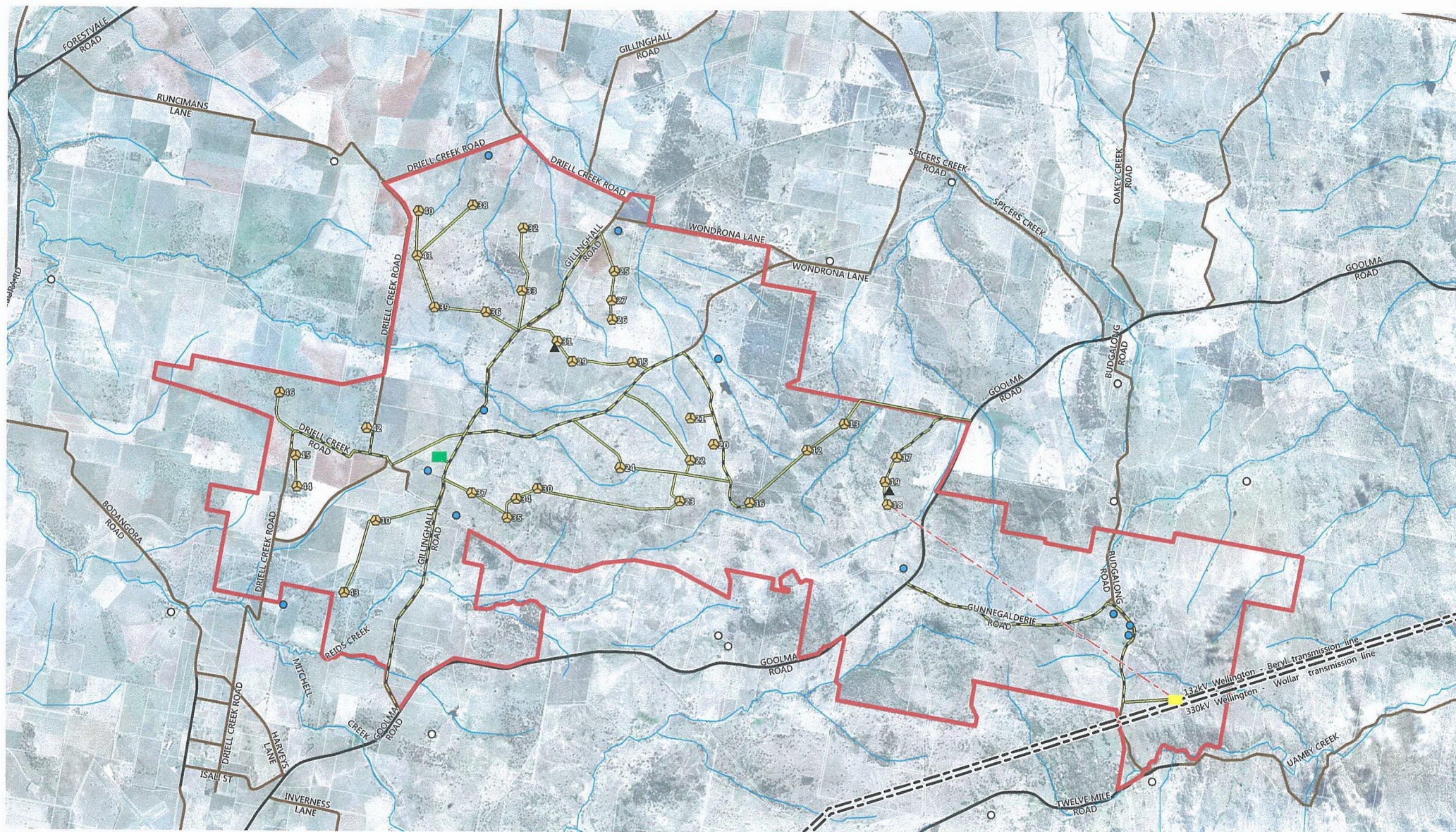
On this basis, I would not consider this proposal to be in keeping with proper development of the area and would ask that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Mackenzie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rodd Mackenzie





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| <span style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px;"> </span> Project Area       | <span style="color: black;">---</span> Existing transmission lines           |
| <span style="color: yellow;">▲</span> Turbine locations                        | <span style="color: red;">---</span> OHV Cabling                             |
| <span style="color: blue;">●</span> Dwelling (Land Owner Agreement)            | <span style="color: black;">—</span> Major road                              |
| <span style="color: white;">○</span> Dwelling (Neighbour)                      | <span style="color: brown;">—</span> Minor or unsealed road                  |
| <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Substation                               | <span style="color: green;">---</span> Proposed new access tracks            |
| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Construction site office and laydown area | <span style="color: yellow;">---</span> Existing access roads to be upgraded |
| <span style="color: black;">▲</span> Existing wind monitoring mast             | Note: 33kV cabling to run adjacent tracks / roads                            |

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**Figure 1.3**  
Project Overview

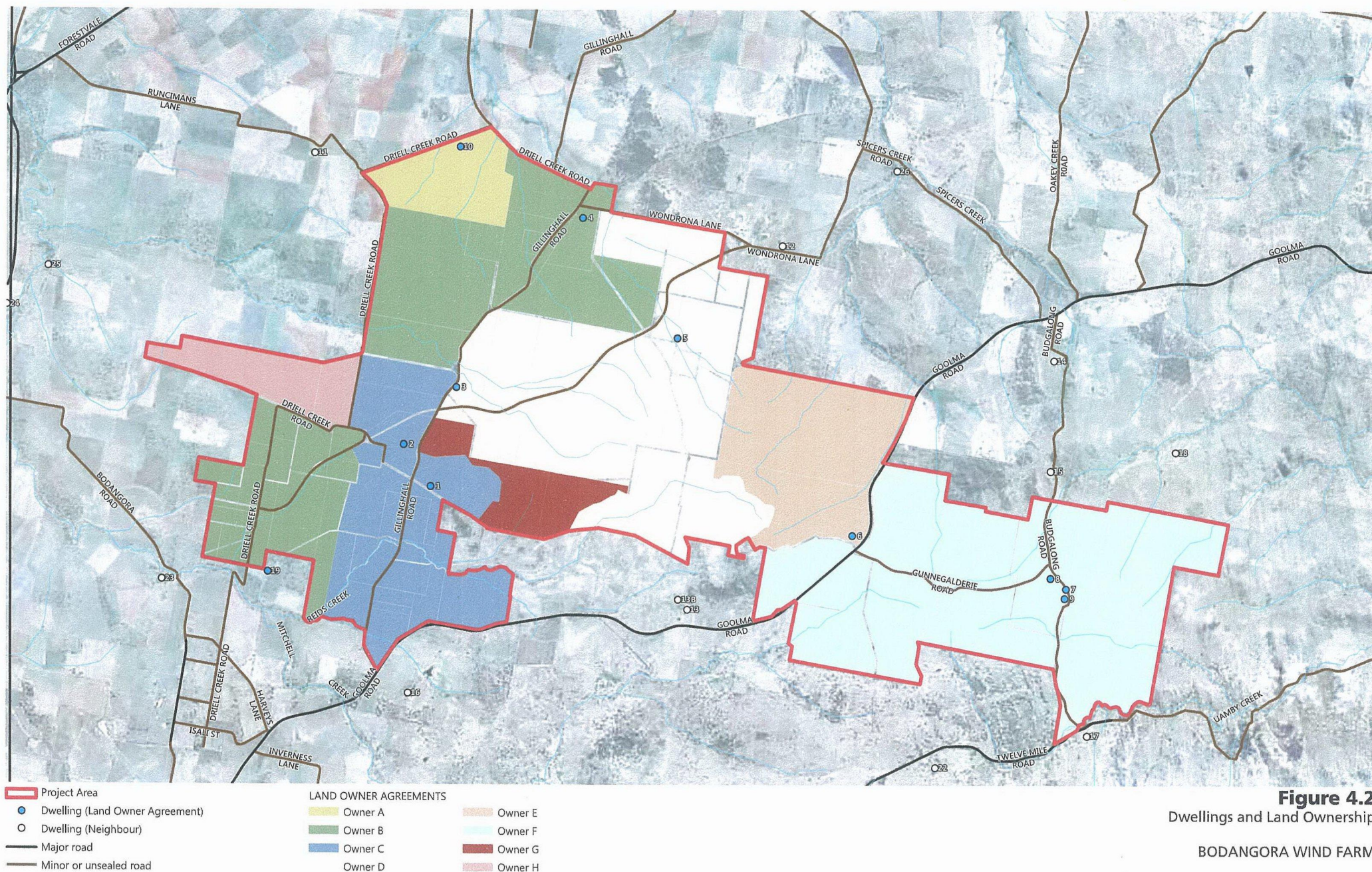
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