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Major Project Assessment

To whom it may concern

OBJECTION: Capital 2 Wind Farm - Modification 4 Request for Extension to Lapse Date

I wish for my name and personal details to be withheld.

As a resident whose sleep and wellbeing as well as my families has been impacted by the deleterious emissions from Capital Wind Farm I wish to lodge an objection to the Request for an Extension to the Lapse Date for Capital 2 Wind Farm, which one can only imagine will further impact on our area.

On 1st November 2011 members of the NSW Planning Assessment Commission granted approval for Capital 2 Wind Farm. In **SCHEDULE 2 PART A – ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS** it clearly states under **Limits of Approval A4**. **This project approval shall lapse five years after the date on which it is granted, unless works subject of this approval have commenced before that time.**

It was made clear to Infigen that there was a time limitation with this approval. But as always it appears Infigen are once again testing their limitations with the expectation that this modification will be approved.

Infigen have had adequate time in which to commence construction and along the way have applied to alter the turbine MW and blade size.

For Infigen to now request another extension and to place the basis for their request on Improvement of Technology and the Renewable Energy Target policy uncertainty appear to be just excuses for their own financial misgivings. (1)

Infigen state this will allow them time to conduct a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm including to consider the newer, more efficient turbine technologies now available. One can only imagine that if this was the case that due to many factors the whole design layout, engineering

specifications and mostly likely the impacts would change greatly which one would believe needs a whole new Environmental Impact Statement.

If wind energy was truly a viable alternative then Infigen Energy would not be relying so heavily on the Renewable Energy Target policy and the RET's that form a substantial part of their income. They would have had this development constructed and operational if it was truly viable.

Infigen state that there is significant public interest in ensuring an extension to the lapsing date for the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm - maybe Infigen might like to demonstrate which public they are referring to or is this just another fabricated statement from Infigen.

The public are becoming more aware of the pitfalls of wind energy. The recent events in South Australia clearly are an indication of the outcomes that this state will face if we continue to load the grid with wind energy. (2)

Like many of the members of the public I would hope that the DoPE starts looking at renewable alternatives to wind energy that will have significantly less negative impacts, if any at all on communities and be a viable, efficient alternative for our future instead of pandering to the whims of shameless companies out to make money at the cost of the public.

I do hope that the NSW DoPE deny Infigen Energy's request for an Extension to their Lapse Date. 5 years is more than adequate for any project to start construction if it was viable in the first place.

Yours sincerely

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(1) Infigen Energy on lookout for growth as returns to profit – Australian Financial Review – Angela Macdonald-Smith

(2) Wind Farms in Eastern Australia – Recent Lessons Paul Miskelly