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Dear Mr Osborne,

**COLLECTOR WIND FARM - 20 SEPTEMBER 2015 MODIFICATION PROPOSAL
("Proposal")**

Please be advised that I object to the Proposal on the following grounds:

1. Inadequate engagement with the Collector community. This has been a recurring problem with Ratch and the Collector wind farm proposal.

Notwithstanding that this point was powerfully made at the original PAC hearing, Ratch has apparently learned nothing and still refuses to engage in a collaborative manner with the Collector community. Its conduct in this regard is high-handed and dismissive and one could well suspect that Ratch knows in advance that whatever proposal it puts up is going to be approved by the Department. I sincerely hope that this is not the case.

2. Abject and apparently intentional failure to facilitate due process of review.

Ratch's documentation in relation to the proposal is approximately 500 pages long. It contains large volumes of material from previous materials which have no apparent legitimate purpose, and which can only be intended to discourage members of the community from reading it and/or render it difficult for the community to assess its merit.

The Proposal documentation was not made available in Collector until last Friday, the schedule closing date of its public exhibition. After protests from interested parties, the Department apparently arranged for an extension of the time, but only for a further 7 days.

On any view of things, this is entirely unsatisfactory.

3. Failure to consider the effect of the larger blades.

It is my understanding that, apart from anything else, the Proposal involves a significant increase in the size of the turbine blades. One does not need to be a technical expert to conclude that this must have consequences of significance in a number of areas. There has been no proper consideration of this aspect of the matter. They should be referred to an independent expert for his opinion and a report to the Department.

These matters are of concern for all Australians who enjoy the inherent value of rural environs, and I urge the department and the minister to have regard to their preservation by ensuring appropriate regulation of industrial wind installations.

Yours Sincerely

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