

Neville Osborne

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Sent: Friday, 20 November 2015 5:10 PM
To: Neville Osborne
Subject: OBJECTION TO MODIFICATIONS COLLECTOR WINDFARM

Attention: Mr N. Osborne

Dear Sir,

This submission is to object to the RATCH proposal for modifications to the Collector Wind Farm.

- Noise modifications

I object to changing the criteria for measuring noise, it seems only now that background noise has surfaced that will make their turbines be over the 35db limit.

Surely this is just changing the goal posts halfway through the game, why didn't they stipulate this from the start as they have been monitoring noise for awhile.

- Road works

Under the original plan, Ratch were upgrading Lerida road to the first off take point for their turbine roads. They are now proposing to have a number intersections crossing further down, but will not upgrade the road to these points. Are we to believe that wind farm vehicles will not use Lerida road in between these intersections, highly unlikely, and just more expense for council maintaining a road at the expense of rate payers for the wind farm.

- Blade increase length

The PAC meeting outcome reduced a number of turbines that were closest to Collector, this is Ratch's attempt to get back some total performance by increasing blade height of the turbines left.

Collector community living close are being ambushed once again to a major change of plan. Longer blades means greater speed of tips which will increase all the negatives associated living next to a wind farm.

ie: noise, flicker, visual, bird deaths and loss of habitat.

- Community consultation

Consultation was one of PAC's major criticisms of Ratch before approving the original wind farm plan. Well not much has changed.

There was no attempt to provide a hard copy of the Modifications in the town of Collector, the only other copies were located at Crookwell and Gunning, up to an hours drive away.

No attempt to have a meeting in Collector to answer any concerns to the modifications, I know this not a stipulation, but surely if your putting this sort of development next to a town it's within Ratch's interest to justify there modifications.

I am a member of the Collector Community Consultation committee which meets with Ratch, but sadly there has been no meeting during the exhibition of the modification plans.

I ask you to consider in the negative for the proposed modifications to the Collector wind farm.

I own and run a farm 4.5 km north of Collector, the wind farm is 1.5 km from my boundary and about 4.5 km from our house, so we will be impacted in many ways by the wind farm.

Yours Sincerely

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