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"Lachlands"

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Ms Karen Jones
Director Major Infrastructure Projects
Dear Karen,

Department of Planning
Received
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Scanning Room

RE. CULLEN RANGE WIND FARM MODIFICATION REQUEST
APPLICATION NO. MP 07 0118 MOD. 1.
ADDITION TO MY OBJECTION SENT ON APRIL 3rd.

In my original objection, unfortunately, I omitted to include a copy of a letter sent to me in December 2013, by Mr Edwin Budde.

In early December I wrote to Mr Budde, the so-called independent Environmental Representative required by the Land and Environment Court to oversee the Developer's compliance with Consent Conditions, asking him about the rumoured deviation of turbine sites.

Now, for your information and use, I enclose a copy of Mr Budde's response, and draw your attention particularly to the last paragraph. His view was that his obligation was to the Developer and not to concerned local people - even a local Councillor representing residents in the impact area of the wind farm. So much for Mr Budde's "independence".

Karen, this project has been locally opposed from the start and the Department as the recommending authority should recognise the following:

1. In the large impacted area scores of families have opposed the project at great cost in time, effort, and money to themselves. Only 10 landowners signed up as hosts (with "special deals" to persuade some - it is locally renowned), and six of these do not live on their host properties.

2. The Developer has consistently placed its own interest above those of the local community. Thus, its original application included 11 turbines that would have made Creekwell's air strip unsafe to use - thankfull these were removed by the Court. Again, the project completely ignores Council's prudent Wind Farm Development Control Plan.

3. The Developer has been aggressive and even bullying to some locals who dared to raise concerns. One complaint would not be addressed unless your Mr Osborne supplied the name of the complainant, another complainant was told bluntly to "prove it" when a matter was raised, and their field workers often worked outside allowed hours (ask John Benjamin for an example).

This developer needs to taste real authority in all the consequences that arbitrarily ignoring consent conditions should necessarily follow. These should include not just taken fines, but pull down some of the most offending turbines, and perhaps significant compensation payments to the most impacted near-neighbours.

Strong action against this arrogant developer may act as an example to other wind farm

developers, a number of whom have more such projects planned for our shire.

I need not tell you of the many negative impacts wind farms have on rural communities unfortunate enough to have them foisted upon them, even when they comply with consent conditions. When these are ignored, as in this case, the impacts are exacerbated and the culprit should not be allowed to get away with its dereliction by simple approval of its retrospective application for modification.

Please add this additional material to my original objection sent to you last week

Yours faithfully

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23 December 2013

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Dear Clr Barlow,

RE – Gullen Range Wind Farm

Thank you for your letter dated 12th December 2013. I understand the main concerns in your letter relate to the potential for up to two (2) turbines to have been 'moved' from one property owner to another during the design phase. You further query whether due process was following for any such change, should it have occurred.

As you may be aware, I am the Environmental Representative for the Gullen Range Wind Farm under the provisions of Clause 7.1 of the Land and Environment Court Approval. My appointment is approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and made by Goldwind Australia. My role, amongst other things, is to advise the Proponent on matters relating to compliance of the project with the Approval. I also report to the Department at their request.

As my role is restricted to advising the Proponent on matters of compliance, I am not in a position to provide advice to 3rd parties on matters relating to the Wind Farm. You could contact Goldwind Australia (1800 509 711), or the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Mr Neville Osborne.

Yours sincerely,



Erwin Budde

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