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Dear Sir,

I am submitting my concerns regarding the fact that a Gullen Range Wind Farm Modification Application has needed to be lodged at all.

My major concern is that Goldwind's relocation of 69 of the turbines from the approved planned locations is yet another incidence of Goldwind's ongoing disregard for the local communities concerns, wishes and safety. Please see attachment 1.

Goldwind's argument re the relocation of the turbines from the approved locations to the now existing locations is that the existing Project Approval gave Goldwind "authority to construct turbines within minor relocations". Goldwind argue that the relocations are minor and therefore ok.

What constitutes "minor"?

Goldwind argues "that for a project that spans 25kms ... a maximum turbine relocation of 187m is less than 1% of the overall project length".

I would like to argue that within 2km distance from a residence, 187m is in actuality 9.4% which cannot be considered minor relocation.

Goldwind itself admits in *Appendix 2 – Turbine movements within for viewpoints within 2.0kms of the nearest turbine*, that the percentage change is in some cases 8.1%, 11.8%, and 12.1%. These percentages cannot be considered minor.

A major concern, and what I believe to be a total disregard by Goldwind for community safety, is the relocation of turbines in proximity to Crookwell Aerodrome.

The Project Approval removed 11 turbines from the project based on a precautionary approach with respect to potential aviation hazards. For Goldwind to relocate any turbines within proximity of the aerodrome is criminally negligent. At the time of relocation of KIA01, KIA02 and BAN08, Goldwind had no expert aviation advice on how the relocation could affect the safety of the aerodrome users. Goldwind's *GRWF Statement of Impacts – Aviation Aspects* document from Aviation Projects is dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, KIA01 and KIA02 were constructed to a stage including blades in November 2013.

Whatever the outcome of the GRWF Modification Application – the fact remains that 69 turbines were built in unauthorised locations. It is important heavy penalties of some sort are levied against Goldwind for this breach. To not do so sets a precedent which will allow other wind farm developers in the future to do "as they want".

Kind Regards

