Gullen Range Wind Farm Submission

We are submitting this document in regards to the relocation of two wind turbines which are having effects on our property and proposed residence at 3614 Range Road, Grabben Gullen, in the Bannister Area.

Turbine AN 10 has been relocated toward our property from its original plan which has put it closer to the edge of the ridge which directly overlooks our property meaning that wherever we are on our property we are now looking up at this turbine. We have recently had an occasion where we were loading sheep to be transported to market [Tuesday 29-04-14] and found that the sheep dogs along with the truck driver were distracted whilst trying to load sheep to the point where they all stopped and were looking up toward the turbines to determine what the noise was they could hear. The noise in fact was the AN 10 turbine turning and creating a wind noise. This tower is now approximately 1000mtrs or less away from our stock yards and cabin. Tuesday afternoon was in fact the first time that I had seen this turbine operating and I now know what is going to be install for us as we all found the noise to be of an irritating manner and unpleasant to have in the background. The position we had chosen and hoped to build our home on is in fact about half the distance from the turbines and the yards.

Turbine AN 14 has now relocated from behind the bush of our property to be on the back corner which has much more exposure to us and not so hidden. We have expressed our concerns through email to Ben Bateman of Goldwind regarding the impacts of the wind farm and the lack of consultation from Goldwind to us. To this day we have never received any correspondence back except a phone call to ask permission for a photographer to come and take photos.

We are disappointed with the Department of Planning & Environment for the little thoughts that seem to go into such a large project. The effect this has on the little people involved. In our opinion these developments would be suited to a large land holders property, so that the flow on effect is limited to a few surrounding farms, not where there is approximately 130 non involved, surrounding farms

Sincerely,

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