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Dear Sir,

Re the Application for Extension to Lapse Date of the Silverton Wind Farm project.

I have a number of concerns about this project being given an extension and I must state at this time that I am opposed to this project.

My first concern is about possible health issues. I have read quite extensively about wind farms and the issues which come with them including balance problems, disturbed sleep patterns, audible noise and other sound wave issues. Even in the construction phase, the noise from blasting the hills to make flat areas for the turbine bases will be horrendous. AGL have not been able to satisfy me that myself and other community members will not suffer any of these issues, nor have they satisfied me that they will take all reasonable steps to prevent any possible effects or rectify them if they happen.

Turbines of 150 metres in height will be very clearly visible to all in Silverton and will spoil the beautiful, pristine view we currently enjoy. The only way this could be minimised is by setting the turbines as far back, away from Silverton as possible, but AGL will not compromise on this. AGL keep saying it is up to the contractors to decide where turbines go which I feel is complete rubbish. AGL already did tests for the turbine sites, then called for tenders to erect them, so they know where the turbines can go. All we ask for is that the turbines are out of sight.

At one of the CCC Meetings, we were asked who we would like to hear from, as in credible people, to discuss the wind farm, health issues, sound etc. We chose a number of people, but then AGL only wanted us to hear from people of their choosing, not ours.

The Community Consultative Meetings amount to AGL telling us what they intend to do and have not agreed to any of our concerns, as in all of my above concerns and many more.

Our water situation in Silverton is currently critical. There is no water in the local reservoirs, yet AGL are still talking about using water for dust suppression and building the project (although they say in the application that the project won't use any water ???).

I have always been disgusted with the attitude of AGL and the former proponent, EPURON. Neither company has any concern for the residents of Silverton. When we

first brought up our concerns about the visual impact of the project, EPURON told us to plant a tree outside our windows. AGL are still talking about landscaping to deal with this.

When we asked EPURON why Silverton, they said it had a good wind source and low population to deal with. AGL have indicated this is their opinion too.

This industrial development has been hanging over our heads since 2007 (9 years), with on again off again issues. AGL has said it would not apply for any extensions to the project, but has now had two and is applying for this third extension for 5 years!

Personally, I am having health issues and now, worry. If I try to sell my property, any prospective buyer would want to know why I am selling. What am I to say to them?

Finally, I moved to Silverton to retire and live out my days in peace and harmony, which is not happening. This project has divided this small community as with other communities with so called wind farm sites.

The resolution to these issues (as I am the closest home to the site), would be to put the towers completely out of sight and leave the natural ranges as they are now, or preferably, move the whole project somewhere else where no one will be affected by it.

Yours sincerely

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