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Director for submissions

Re: objecting the Jupiter wind Turbines at Lower Boro

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a monk priest for the Coptic Orthodox Church. Before dedicating my life to the Lord to be a monk, I worked as an 'aeronautical engineer' in a factory for aero planes in Egypt for 10 years, then I decided to dedicate my life for the Lord in the monastic life. I stayed for ten years in full solitude in the monastery of 'St. Bakhomios' in the deserts of Egypt, then the Pope sent me for the service of the Coptic Orthodox community in NSW Australia.

Being a monk, it is a must to practice my solitude life. At the moment, I am the highest senior priest for the Coptic Orthodox Church, NSW. To fulfill my monastic duties, I bought this property (lot 33 Cullulla – 158 Willow Glen Rd, Lower Boro), which is located on top of the mountain and it is the last property in that direction. I liked it and accepted buying it for the total solitude, serenity, and quietness in this property, which fulfills my needs for the monastic life and duties. So the main purpose of me getting out of my way to buy this, is that I can have half the week in this quiet place, to practice my monastic duties and half the week in Sydney to fulfill my service for the Church.

I knew from the beginning that it will be very difficult to build in this area and it will be costly, but I carried all of its costs to fulfill my monastic needs. I also carried the trouble of travelling every week from Sydney to this property (3 hours of driving) and return back to my service in Sydney, added to the drive of the service duties in Sydney and my drive also to all correctional centers (jails) all over NSW, to serve the Orthodox inmates in prisons.

When the members of my congregation found out about this, they all the time ask to be allowed to take a few days' off for retreat in quietness with me, which I always allow and they drive all the way from Sydney just to enjoy 2-3 days of quiet retreat and they take it as briefing to relax from the different stresses of life.

According to what I explained, I see that this project of 'Jupiter Wind turbines', which is according to the map, including Lower Boro, will wreck the whole purpose of buying this property for me and my congregation as well.

So here the effect of that will highly disturb my peace and the peace of the members of my organization - the Coptic Orthodox community. Here I state that I will never allow anyone to come near my property for such a project, as it destroys from the roots the whole purpose of buying a property in a natural bush area, away from any source of noise to enjoy quietness, the beautiful nature as it is without a touch of a hand and the solitude, which we are after and also carrying all the trouble to enjoy the quiet time and the nature.

I highly object that project to take place in our area; lower Boro.

If you require any further details, I am happy to provide it Waiting your confirmation that my objection is taken into consideration,

Thanks, and Best Regards

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Very Rev. Fr. Tadros El-Bakhoumi OAM & JP (Head of St. Bakhomios Monastery)