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Department of Planning & Environment
Atten: Executive Director – Resource Assessments & Business Systems
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RE: Bango Wind Farm Project Application – Application Number SSD 6686

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in response to the Bango Wind Farm Project Application.

I have lived in Rye Park for the past 18 years and have worked in the Rye Park area as a shearer for the last 32.

The Bango wind development will involve the construction and operation of up to 122 wind turbines, together with accompanying structures, access tracks and electrical infrastructure above and below the ground. The turbines are planned to have a maximum height of 200 metres above ground level and would be located on a series of ridges running West to south from Rye Park to Yass. These wind turbines are planned to be the largest constructed within Australia.

I have several concerns regarding the impact of the Bango Wind Farm Project, these include:

- I am concerned regarding the lack of community consultation by the proponents. I feel that the majority of the Rye Park Community are concerned by the lack of communication, knowledge and impact of the proposed wind farms. There has already been a division within the community that can be clearly felt.
- I am also concerned to the possible health effects of the wind turbines. I feel that the proponents and associated subsidy providers are too focused on construction of the wind turbines and the financial benefits for them, then to firstly support some Australian based study to find out the health impacts of such structures before the construction. If the wind turbines should be built and have an impact on the health of our local residents to benefit the public in other locations of what benefit will it be to me and who is going to pay my bills if I am unable to work in my local area. If I don't work, I do not get paid.
- As I travel to various locations within the region to work, the impact of having possible road closures and delays will have a large effect on my ability to get to the various properties which are located on the proposed Wind Farm Assess route.
- The reduced value of my residence due to the location of large saturation of wind turbines within 10 kilometres of my home will have a devastating effect if I am driven to leave my home. "My home is my Castle" and for the value of my property

to be reduced due to limited potential buyers does concern me. If I have to leave, how will I be able to relocate if I cannot afford to. It upsets me that this wind farm is to benefit people in other locations but as far as I can see there is no benefit for the bulk of the local community. Rye Park will become a ghost town, all to make the associated Governments, Proponents and the few hosts' money but neglects the impact on the people that will have to live here. Hosts will be able to afford to move out of the area. The rest of us will not be able to afford to move. More than 50% of hosts do not actually live in the area or Shire, so therefore will not feel the direct impact of the wind turbines of their lives and their health.

- Clearing of native vegetation in the ridgelines where the proposed wind farms will be located. There are state regulations that apply to all land holders that limit the clearing of mature vegetation in country with huge fines payable. The proposed sites include native vegetation that has been untouched as long as local records exist. The native ecosystems that exist in this area cannot be destroyed without having an effect on the local environment. The impact of clearing such ground in our location would also have a devastating effect with erosion of our slate soils. Such erosion and the sediment which will be moved as a result will have a major impact on the water ways below.

Maybe the people that are going to benefit the most financially for this proposal would have a different outlook on the effects of this project if they actually lived here!!

My contact details are 02 6227 2249, please feel free to contact me to discuss this further. I am unavailable due to work from 7.00am to 6.30pm.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Gorham.

(This letter saved as PDF has kindly been sent via email by my neighbour as I do not have email facilities)