BANGO WIND FARM OBJECTIONS

I object to the development of the Bango Wind Farm.

I object to the wind farm for the significant destruction of visual amenity of the area, especially when the proponent considers that the 200m towers will not "be dominate in the landscape", as per an email below. Whilst they will not be dominant from my current property which is 10km to the nearest turbine, they are dominant in the photomontages provided in the EIS, as copied below.

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Subject: Bango Wind Farm information

Hi XXXXX.

Please find attached a map of the project. It is roughly bordered by Lachlan Valley Way to the west, Wargiela Road to the east and Rye Park Road to the north. Based on the address you provided it looks like you're about 14km away from the project at Blakney Creek.

Based on this distance, it is likely you will be able to see the project from various parts of the landscape (roads, high points), but the turbines won't be dominant in the landscape.

As you can see on the map, the project runs some way up the Lachlan Valley Way to the east of it. I would be happy to provide you a more specific distance to the Kangiara property you're looking at if you are able to provide me with details of its location.

Have you heard much about the project generally, or do you have specific concerns?

You will find more information at our website: http://bangowindfarm.com.au/

And, I'm always happy to speak with you in more detail.

Regards, Siobhan

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Significant visual impact for drivers on the Lachlan Valley Way – why is there only one photomontage for this major road (the second being a section of the first)? This is inadequate for the length of the road that they will be in view.



Turbines do dominate the landscape, and as they move, they naturally draw attention to themselves, therefore increasing the visual impact. The towers of the Cullerin Wind Farm, alongside the Hume Highway (a dual carriage way) dominate the visual landscape regardless of whether they are working or not and they are some 70 meters shorter than the proposed Bango WF turbines.

I have included the following photomontages from the EIS where I consider the visual impact to be dominated by the turbines, contrary to the claim of the proponent.

















The description of the following residence as "weekender" implies it has less status than a residence. However, for the owner, it may be an opportunity to leave the city and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the rural landscape. The placement of the turbines would be dominant in this landscape.



Photomontage Location PM 23 Proposed view, neighbour weekender 172 Breckdale Extended panorame east south east to south south west (Bearing 115° to 200°)

In considering the purchase of a property at Kangiara, I have concluded that the main residence will be approximately 2.8km from the closest turbines, although this is not certain as the mapping in the EIS is of poor quality and information.

Given the 200m height of the turbines, I believe the visual impact will be significant at this residence and am therefore reluctant to purchase as the real impact cannot be effectively measured until the turbines are in situ.

Working on the property as a farmer, however, would increase my proximity to the turbines and the cumulative impacts of visual, noise and infrasound.

Photomontages 12/13 which are close to the property, appear to be significantly distorted by the photomontage process and cannot, I believe, be a realistic representation of the visual impact.

I object to the Bango Wind Farm for the ecological impact it will cause during construction and operation. The 200m towers will have increased impact on birdlife/death and as there are no other towers of this magnitude currently operating in Australia, it is impossible to qualify their impact. As the Boorowa Shire (now Hilltops) and Landcare groups have spent money and resources over many years, trying to save habitat of the Superb Parrot, it would be contrary to local priorities to allow this project to go ahead.

I object to the Bango Wind Farm for the increased vehicle numbers that will be on the local roads during the construction phase. The Lachlan Valley Way is already a busy road, in poor condition in parts and with increased heavy vehicle traffic, local residents will be further negatively impacted and potentially at risk of harm.

I object to the Bango Wind Farm proposal due to the water usage needed during construction that will come from local sources.

I object to the Bango Wind Farm, for its contribution to the saturation of turbines, which will impact the communities between Yass and Boorowa, and surrounding villages including Rye Park, which are also impacted by the Rye Park Wind Farm and Rugby Wind Farm (currently withdrawn, but with the possibility that it might be reinstated).

My remaining concerns are related to the lack of detail in the EIS as a whole. There are many maps and charts, but little detail explaining these.

I object to the Bango Wind Farm proposal as I believe there has not been adequate detailed planning by the Proponent to this stage, for a project of this scale with the significant impact on the local communities and with the cost of turbines being subsidised by the Federal Government through the RET scheme.