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RE: Bango Wind Farm SSD 6686

Attention: Executive Director - Resource Assessments & Business Systems.

I have lived at Rye Park for the majority of my life and my family have been in the Boorowa/Rye Park area for several generations, many of them are still here.

My ancestors were amongst the original settlers in this area and loved the land, and the landscape, as I do and would be horrified to see what this proposal will do to. The visual pollution this will create on the countryside is not hard to imagine, and life in the Village of Rye Park will never be the same again, particularly if the Rye Park development also goes ahead. The application suggests that putting wind turbines on the top of the ridges minimises the visual disturbance to residents and maximises the capture of the wind. How preposterous, putting 200m tall monstrosities on the tops of the hills, on top of the Great Dividing Range, can only make them more visible to more people!

The noise of 122 turbines winding away along the Rye Park valley would be horrendous. There is no denying wind turbines make noise, and if they weren't a problem there would not be the need for the extensive sound monitoring Sonus have needed to do.

The proposal has already caused division in our close-knit community and this division will be very hard to mend.

I am a member of the Rye Park Rural Fire Service as a volunteer and have concerns about the possibility that aerial support for fire fighting in and around the village will not be possible, especially if the Rye Park WF also goes ahead and the village will be literally surrounded by turbines. It would be a brave pilot to enter into a 2000+hectare zone with zero visibility due to smoke to save the residents of a small village.

I also wonder about the actual planning of this proposal and doubt if a development of this size can be built to the rules when their application is not even accurate, and things such as permissions to access properties has not even been sought or given.

Wind power is an inefficient form of power generation. If I ran my farm at 34% efficiency I would soon be out of business. Maybe that is why the hosts of these things need the money, they think running their farms at 34% efficiency is all they can do too, and will go out of business if they don't have turbines! Solar power is the answer and with the money these people will be subsidised for wind power we could all be given solar panels and have the same affect without the need for destroying our environment.

I am an avid bird lover, and there is nothing better than the sight of a wedge tail eagle soaring over the hills of Rye Park. In America it is well known that a lot of giant condors have been wiped out to the point of near extinction by turbines so how can a rare and endangered species such as the wedge-tailed eagle be allowed to suffer the same fate. The size of these turbines and the size of the blades also puts the flight path of birds such as our Superb Parrot right into these things.

I urge you not to allow this development to be approved. I have grave concerns about the value of my land on a dollar per hectare basis, the future of our community and the inadequacy of the proposal put forward by CWP Renewables. This proposed development has been like Bathurst Burrs, you think you have got them beaten after being sprayed and they sprout up again when not expecting it to return. Wind Prospect came in 2008 and then went away, sneaking back in 2016 to tell us they have consulted with us and we approve. I do not approve and want these weeds to be gone for good.

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