



**RE: Bango Wind Farm Project Application – Application Number SSD 6686**

**Attention: Executive Director - Resource Assessments & Business Systems.**

I object to the Bango Wind Farm in any form as I do not believe CWP Renewables have the best interests of the local environment and the communities of Boorowa and Rye Park in mind when this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was put together and submitted to the NSW Department of Planning.

I own a property on the Brial Road east of Boorowa and my attempt at determining the distance of my home to the development from the maps in the EIS has failed due to the lack of information provided, most of the maps not even recognising the town of Boorowa.

As far as I can determine I will have a clear view of these massive structures which are approximately 10kms from home due to the fact that my property and the development are both on the tops of hills with Boorowa situated in the valley in between.

As I have spent many years campaigning against the dubious benefits of wind power, and the potential risks to humans and animals, I find it alarming that I will now see these monstrosities every time I leave my home.

Page 10, Volume 1 – lists the potential impacts to species from the project which include:

- The removal of up to 83.63 ha of Box Gum Woodland of which 0.26 ha is EPBC Act listed
- Removal of habitat for up to nine threatened flora species that are likely to or have the potential to occur in the Study area
- Removal of up to four fauna habitat types for up to 32 threatened fauna species that are likely to or have the potential to occur in the study area, 15 recorded
- A negligible collision impact to four threatened or locally important birds that have the potential to fly within the rotor swept area

The document goes on to say 'In order to protect the ecological values of the Project site a number of management and mitigation measures have been proposed as outlined in Chapter 21 Statement of Commitments.'

As the Lachlan Catchment Natural Resource Management Awards Primary Producer of the Year 2009, Conservation Farmer of the Year in 2011, winner of the National Carbon Cocky Award for Outstanding Leadership in 2011, member of the Lachlandcare Committee, and current Landcare Ambassador I am alarmed at the above comments and fail to see how this project proposal has got as far as being on Public Exhibition when the impact on the environment, flora and fauna will be irreversible. No amount of 'management and mitigation' will replace what is lost.

I have spent the majority of my life campaigning for revegetation of the landscape and preservation of remnant ecosystems in harmony with farming practices along with many other farmers, school



children and community members and the Boorowa district has been held up as an example to the rest of the country, and in fact the world, on how to combine agriculture and preserve the environment.

To now approve an industrial development the size of the Bango proposal consisting of 122 turbines of 200metres high, along with the cumulative impacts of nearby proposals, some of which have been approved, seems ludicrous given that it has the potential to destroy these critical ecosystems.

The unprofessionalism of this document, the total disregard for the community and environment, and lack of consultation convinces me that CWP Renewables will not be able to put this project together and therefore should be rejected in its entirety.

I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THIS PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Charlie Arnott

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