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Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39, SYDNEY, NSW, 2001
Attention: Executive Director – Resource Assessments & Business Systems
Re: Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686)

I am very disappointed that companies like CWP keep coming into our community thinking we are an easy target and wanting to build wind turbines with the excuse that it will save the planet. What a load of garbage. All they want is the money being offered by an government who doesn't know enough about the environment to be able to save it. If this company had consulted extensively with the community as claimed, and taken any notice of the feedback they would understand that we pride ourselves in our commitment to save the Superb Parrot and our efforts in maintaining and increasing the nesting areas for these birds.

I have spent the majority of my life with Superb Parrots. I am considered one of the most knowledgeable in the saving of orphan birds and my home has been given over to the education of others on matters relating to the Superb Parrot. And yet CWP have never spoken to me about them. The fact that this area is a known flight path and nesting area for the endangered Superb Parrot in their breeding season should be enough for the Department of Planning and the Department of Environment and Heritage to say no, this is not acceptable in any form.

I attended the 'Public Information Day' held in Boorowa on 3 November 2016 and was speaking to a CWP Renewables employee who admitted that this was the first time he had been to Boorowa, and yet he was supposed to be an expert who was to tell us about the project and how good it will be for the district. As an example of how much he knows I got into a conversation with him about Meads Lane, which is to be a major transport route around Boorowa to access one of the sections of the development. Meads Lane is narrow, less than 4 metres wide and lined with old overhanging trees, and has a tight turn at the end to access Long Street. When I mentioned to this man that the entire tree population would need to be removed he said this was just a suggested route and the reason for the information day was to get local opinion and find alternatives if needed. His alternative suggestion was to use the main street of Boorowa as they had in Nimitabel, where CWP are building more turbines. If this 'expert' had even ventured into the main street of Boorowa during his visit he would have known this alternative route using the main street was not possible for trucks carrying large wind turbine components.

The discussion then got a little heated when the same gentleman said that the Public Information Day we were attending on that day was the start of the public consultation period for the Bango Wind Farm. When it was pointed out to him that the project was on Public Exhibition, the EIS was with the Dept of Planning and we were now at the end of the process he insisted that we were only at the beginning and final plans will be put together following this public consultation period, then the final plan put to the Department! Was he told as little as what we have been told, or does he not care?

In the Boorowa News last week, Thursday November 24th 2016, there was an article about the new signs that have been erected at the entrances to the town, and how proud the school students are about the artwork they have contributed to the sign. It says – Welcome to Boorowa – Superb Parrot – Superb Country – Retain Large Trees Dead or Alive – Saving our Species. You would do well to read this article, and pass it on to CWP. This article alone should be enough to stop the building of wind turbines anywhere between Yass and Cowra, including all of the Boorowa area. It is just ridiculous that this whole process is taking place and should not be approved in any form.

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