

## Representation of Support – Rye Park Wind Farm Response to Submissions (RTS)

There is always a balance to be struck between living with what we are familiar with and recognising that economic development and the development of infrastructure and services will bring on-going change but also a better standard of living for all.

That is the way it has been for the almost 200 years in this area. Prominent landmarks for change include the development of the railway, fencing of paddocks, road building (including the Yass by-pass); more comfortable houses and workplaces; and the telecommunications and electricity supply that make this possible.

The building of the wind turbine electricity generation would be another development of electricity infrastructure in this immediate area. A lot of worthwhile employment has been generated due to the presence of Transgrid and Essential Energy and from the essential services that they provide to us all.

A wind farm near Rye Park will be another step in this development. While I don't really like looking at high voltage power towers I know they are essential to the delivery of a sustainable electricity supply for the long term. Wind turbines are a source of economic activity and income in the short and long term and should be welcomed as such. While only a relatively few companies and families will benefit directly the wider benefits of this development are important to us all both now and for the future of our region. I understand these benefits to be in the order of \$2 million per annum to the local community through payments to landholders, permanent staff and community fund contributions.

In the past, we have witnessed a knee jerk reaction to the placement of new infrastructure. I recall that, not too long ago, Dalton residents managed to block the development of new electricity generation in their area. This was but one example of an apparent fear of low impact development for a sustainable and commercially viable future in this region. I would hope that this apparent denigration of economic activity and wealth generation opportunity is not symptomatic of a wider malaise.

Our young people need jobs and our shops and other businesses need the spending power that economic activity brings.

Supporting a vibrant future for our region

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