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Attn: Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Systems
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Re: Rye Park Wind Farm SSD 6693

Dear Sir,

I **object** to this development on the following grounds:

- High visibility.
- Destruction of habitat of the superb parrot, swift parrot (600 acres bushland and grassland), breeding trees and feeding habitat.
- Kill-zone of blade sweep area for all birds and bats, including superb parrot, swift parrot, wedge-tail eagles, brown hawk, goshawk, galahs, cockatoos, corellas, all of which have been seen from my residence. If anyone thinks that the flight paths can be changed by the listed mitigation methods, what a joke.
- Economics – having worked in the agricultural industry for 60yrs, you cannot run a business at 31% capacity (international average quoted by Trustpower at CCC meeting in October 2015). Why is the Wind Farm allowed to work at this rate, subsidised by tax payers.
- Erosion – the involved country is super-delicate to erosion. As primary producers, we are not allowed to clear any land with a gradient greater than 18degrees. These developers appear to be allowed to do what primary producers could not and choose not to do, as they know the devastating effects that clearing this type of country will have on erosion. I believe that they will not be able to control the erosion because they have no idea how delicate this country and soils are. You only have to observe the natural gas line which is still very high visibility some 30 years later.
They too were supposed to control erosion and they have not, nor have they been forced to control the erosion and neither do I believe, will the wind farm.
- Health – the Wind Farm developer claims there are no health issues with Wind Farms. There have been marriage break-downs because of the Rye Park Wind Farm already as a consequence of the stress of the development. It is difficult to sleep at night, due to the uncertainty of what our future holds. Therefore, there are already health issues surrounding all wind farms across Australia.
- Noise – I live in the bush to be able to hear all birdcalls, which are numerous very early in morning when there is no other background noise to interfere with that beautiful wake-up call of Mother Nature.
At night, frogs can be heard calling from the creeks up to a kilometre away.
I would hate for the constant swooshing noise of the turbine blades to overtake these beautiful sounds of Mother Nature.

- Traffic – The increased heavy vehicle movements on the Lachlan Valley Way through the township of Boorowa and village of Rye Park. The roads are not built for this type of traffic. And it's only a matter of time that motor vehicle accidents and fatalities will climb immensely whilst construction of the WF occurs.
The report claims that construction will be 18 months but that the WF will be built in stages so the nature wildlife can adapt.
I fail to see how they build in stages and at the same time take only 18 months to construct the 109 turbines and the subsequent infrastructure when they originally told me construction would take over 2 and a half years.
- Land Values – regardless of what the wind industry tells us, if you put 157m skyscraper in the middle of an inland city, town or village, it will have a vast effect on land values for the surrounding area. All real estate agents that I have spoken to, regarding this matter have all said that the wind farm will affect land values up to 50% in the negative direction.

These reasons are in addition to the ones that I submitted in 2014. I continue to Object to this development application.

Yours sincerely

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