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**RE: Rye Park Wind Farm Project application – Application number (SSD 6693).**

I am writing this submission **OPPOSING** the application for the Rye Park Wind Farm.

I have lived my whole 46 years in Rye Park. These wind farms are going to have a dramatic effect on my family's and life within the community. These wind farms are going to affect the overall outlook, aspect and feeling of this once quite peaceful farming community.

The Veness family have had a long tradition of farming in the Rye Park area. There have been four generations of our family that have owned and farmed this land.

**The effects that are going to impact me are:**

1. **Value of our property.** I am concerned that the value of our home and property will dramatically reduce due to these proposed wind farms. Our future ability to sell our property to enable us to move if the wind farms effect our health or way of life, and also when we wish to retire is very concerning. We have improved our house to be a comfortable four bedroom home. To have this asset be devalued to less than what we originally paid for it 14 years ago is heart breaking. Just imagine the impact or public outcry if this proposal was in areas such as Canberra, Goulburn, and Young etc.
2. **Road access.** The quoted traffic that will be using the roads to access Rye Park from Yass and Boorowa is extremely excessive for this type and grade of road due to being both tar and gravel roads. My wife travels these roads every day for work to Yass, she will be experiencing disruptions, difficulty and risking her life due to the amount of traffic and inexperienced drivers for the conditions that we are familiar with but they probably are not. She will be going to work when the traffic will be coming to Rye Park and encountering this traffic again when she comes home. My daughter lives in Canberra and also regularly uses these roads. I work within the wool industry and also drive my father's truck to carry wool and livestock on these listed roads. There is no way that the conditions of these roads will withstand the proposed amount of traffic.
3. **Impact on Farm activities.** There are three properties in three different locations that are owned by my father and where I work. These properties located on Rye Park – Rugby Road, Cemetery – Lagoon Creek Road & the Rye Park – Dalton Road. The separation of these properties requires stock to be moved along public roads to access shearing sheds and yards. The extra traffic will impact the ability to move stock as required. Farm and sheep enterprises require movement of stock during unscheduled hours as it is when stock are required to receive attention that they are moved. Not specifically when convenient for other parties. Trust Power has stated that they will require three days notice when moving

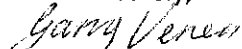
stock along wind farm routes. This would be impossible to do as sheep and cattle are moved at various times and as required to maintain stock health and wellbeing.

4. **Saturation of wind turbines.** Influence and effect of having too many turbines on one central location. The proposed Rye Park wind farm will have turbines located North, South and East of the village of Rye Park. This impact will give no relief visually from these structures from our home as the aspect from our home outlooks these views. The possibility of future wind farms to the West also concerns me immensely.
5. **Noise levels & Health effects.** The impact from the noise and possible health risks from an undisclosed type of wind turbine. The health and associated risks to my family is an extreme concern. It has **not** been proven that wind power is a safe form of power generation.
6. **Erosion.** The increase of erosion due to the clearing and installation of infrastructure to support the wind farm.
7. **Native Fauna & Flora.** The bush that has never been cleared or burnt exists within the wind farm area. Tree preservation laws outline what are the limits that are allowed to be removed by a land holder. How can Trust Power clear and remove vegetation in such a massive scale and still be under such guidelines.
8. **Bush Fire control.** A major concern and problem is the possibility of a bush fire in the proposed wind farm area. The assistance of water bomber aircraft has been required in the past to control fires in this area. May 2013, is evidence of this. Aircraft will be unable to access locations in order to control such fires. Fires will continue to burn that cannot be controlled risk the lives and homes of the entire area. My wife, son and I are all members of the Rye Park Rural Fire Brigade. This increases the risks to my family if we were required to attend a fire in the area. The knowledge that there will be no relief or assistance from the air is very scary.
9. **Rye Park – Yass St /access.** Trust Power has stated that they are going to use the main street as access for trucks and associated vehicles.  
**This will impact:**
  - The main street contains the only community bus stop for children to access the school bus service to Boorowa.
  - The safety to children of the Rye Park community is also at risk as they access the community park & recreation grounds also located on the main street.
  - The only emergency service available within 20 kms is the Rye Park Rural fire brigade shed. The access for brigade members and the ability to respond immediately could be greatly impacted.
  - The traffic and public access to the local post office will also be impacted and put at risk.

These are just some of the reasons that I oppose the Rye Park Wind Farm proposal. There are too many health, environmental, visual and financial issues for this proposal to go ahead.

Please feel free to contact me to further discuss any of the above issues.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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