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Attention: Executive Director, Resource Assessments & Business Systems.

On the 4th July 2014 the Boorowa District Landscape Guardians lodged a response to the Rye Park Wind Turbine Development EIS which comprised of 4 attachments and totalled 447 pages.

The general conclusion drawn by the BDLG at that time from the assessment of the original Rye Park Wind Turbine Development EIS is that it was **grossly inadequate in identifying the impact and risk to both people and the environment, in relation to flora and fauna, human health and real estate prices, and imposition on agricultural and firefighting practises.** The lack of an adequate decommissioning plan was also highlighted, as was the inadequate community consultation carried out by EPHRON at the time.

The BDLG would like to make 2 things clear having reviewed the current amended DA.

1. the proponent has not adequately addressed the issues as identified by the members of the BDLG and surrounding community
2. there is not one direct reference in the current amended RTS on exhibition addressing any of the concerns highlighted in the 447 pages of our submission.

A comprehensive assessment of the Sonus Noise Impact assessment by arguably one of Australia's leading acousticians, Steve Cooper, was not referenced or mentioned once in the responses to submission by the proponent. It should be noted that this was the **only** independent assessment carried out and lodged as part of a submission to the original Rye Park Wind Turbine Development EIS.

Similarly, **a comprehensive assessment was carried out on the proponent's assessment of the impact on Flora and Fauna and biodiversity in the footprint of the Rye Park Wind Turbine Development and surrounds, and not one reference is made to this report.** Again, it is important to note this was the **only** non-governmental assessment professionally carried out regarding this EIS.

Accordingly, I have resubmitted Mr Cooper's original assessment of the noise report carried out by Sonus as part of the BDLG's current submission and would **appreciate the proponent highlighting, as was originally expected and necessary, where it has addressed the points and concerns raised in Steve Cooper's report and mitigated against them occurring.**

The concerns raised in the previous BDLG submission were also not directly addressed by the proponent in the amended DA.

Accordingly, given the apparent lack of regard for due process in responding to the BDLG's previous submission, I submit that again for consideration of the proponent and request appropriate comment and response to the concerns raised.

Please find also an appendix relating to the assessment of the Environmental Impact Report of the Rye Park Wind Turbine Development carried out by Australia Wild Life Services.

We, the Boorowa District Landscape Guardians, request that serious consideration be given by the Department of Planning and Environment of the issues raised in this submission and that of our resubmitted BDLG submission, and that the Department **not allow approval** of this proposal.

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The BDGL reserves the right to submit additional information as part of this preliminary submission.

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