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**RE: Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application – Application Number 10-0223**

**Attention: Executive Director, Resource Assessments & Business Systems.**

I have real concerns about the proposal to build 109 wind turbines in the Rye Park/Boorowa area.

My husband and I have 3 daughters and we live our lives in close association with the natural landscape, its birds and animals. Even though we are farmers our animals and land are treated with the utmost respect.

I find it distressing that a company can come into our community and plan a massive industrial development without most of the people knowing about it. Trustpower have cited their experience in owning and/or building 42 Hydro power stations and 6 Wind developments. If this is the case then they should fully understand the concerns of communities, and should also be aware that sneaking in and signing up hosts to 'droughtproof' their properties before anyone else knows about them is a sure way to put people off side. Divide and conquer, is that how it should be done?

The beautiful hills of Rye Park that are home to so many endangered and rare birds, reptiles, fish and ecological habitats will be destroyed, not only for us but also for our children and grandchildren. Our descendants will not see our landscape as we have seen it. The disapproving submission by the Office of Environment and Heritage to the Epuron EIS should have been enough to halt this proposal. However Trustpower still think it is ok to destroy many hectares of natural bushland and habitat with the excuse that they will plant more trees elsewhere. As we have planted many hectares of trees on our property, and understand the work and lifelong commitment it takes to establish these trees, it is clear to me that Trustpower obviously have no understanding of what it will take to replace the old growth trees, hollow trees, laneway vegetation and grasslands that are to be removed. Some of the endangered species in the area do not have 200 years to evolve and re-establish themselves.

The promotional material circulated about the proposal, and on the Trustpower website, show bare rolling hills. This is not what the Rye Park/Boorowa area looks like now, but is this what they intend to turn it into? Climate change concerns will not be mitigated by removing our existing forests and vegetation to build wind turbines.

For these reasons I request that the Department of Planning and Environment **not allow approval** of this proposal.

Mrs Angelica Arnott.