

Planning Services
NSW Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Re: Rye Park Wind Project Application – Application Number 10-0223

Attention: Executive Director, Resource Assessment & Business Systems

Dear Sir

I object to this project.

My name is Narelle O'Neil, I am pleased to have this opportunity to make a submission in response to the Rye Park Wind Project application from Trustpower. I am strongly opposed to the Rye Park Wind Turbine Development that is proposed for my area.

In 1970, my husband John and I purchased our farm on the adjoining property next to "Clydesvale" the property in which John was born and raised.

"Clydesvale" was originally owed by John's grandfather who brought the property in 1897.

The first 20 years of our marriage John worked away from our home, he worked in shearing sheds and then he got a job clearing undergrowth from under power lines to pay off our farm and raise our three children.

So after nearly 70 years of hard work we find ourselves getting to the stage in our lives where we are thinking about retirement. It stresses us greatly that we find our property about to be surrounded with Trustpower's application for 109 large wind turbines. If the Rye Park Wind Turbine Development goes ahead and the 109 turbines are built our property will have wind turbines within 4 kilometres to our South East, within 2 kilometres to our East and within 2 kilometres to our North.

I believe that the value of our land will be diminished due to the sheer number of wind turbines and the height proposed for these huge wind turbines that will surround our property. The site of the wind turbines will definitely diminish the number of potential buyers that would be interested in purchasing our land.

My beliefs were confirmed by Mr Michael Grey, the owner of Yass Real Estate during a public meeting on 9 October 2015 where Pru Goward and Angus Taylor were in attendance, where Mr Grey stated that going on his vast experience property values would diminish by approximately 40% if your property was within approximately 5 kms of a wind turbine development, and if your land was within 2 kms your property would then become virtually unsaleable.

We have no superannuation; our only asset is our land in which we have worked so hard for all our lives to own.

On the 27 August 2015 Mr Michael Head, project manager for Trustpower and his assistant came to our house to discuss their project. Mr Head offered us \$2,500 a year. I was offended by this offer as this tiny amount does nothing to help us with the situation we have been put in and if I had signed

the document it would have stopped me from putting this negative submission in against the project.

From the start of this project (it has been now over 8 years since the erection of the two wind monitoring towers close to my home} I have observed significant change in the locals were they have changed, mentally, physically and emotionally, it is very sad to see.

Our farming community have already started to fall apart as neighbours of 40 + years no longer even speak to one another let alone help each other when in need.

I feel like them, angry, sad, belittled and stressed that I am unable to do anything to protect our happy and peaceful way of life from big companies and Government Bureaucrats who force these huge wind turbines upon us...for what or whose benefit?? Certainly not ours!!!

I remain to keep the right to add additional information to this submission at a later date.

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