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

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Dear Sir

I wish to have the opportunity to make a submission in response to the Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application – Application Number 10-0223.

I wish to strongly object to the Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application and formerly request that the project not go ahead.

I have been a resident in the Rye Park area for 6years, and the Yass area for 9 years. We moved to the area with our four children and have been warmly welcomed by the community. We own 125 acres of creek frontage bordering the Rye Park Village

I am an active member of the Rye Park and Greater Boorowa community. I have also been employed as a Water Industry Operator and mechanical fitter in the Canberra region for just under 19 years and continue to travel to work which is over a three hour round trip four days a week. I love living in Rye Park and will fight to keep harmony within the Rye Park village community.

I am disgusted at the approach Trust Power- Epuron have taken during the submission for the Rye Park Wind Farm Project. They have divided families and members of the community causing open hostility.

I have concerns that my property will decrease in value. I have worked hard for many years to purchase my property. Just to find out local real estate agents have said property values could drop from 40% to 60%. This is my retirement and my childrens inheritance

They have done this by providing the Rye Park community with minimal consultation. I am aware of Trust Power-Epuron being involved in this application for many years but I have only heard of Epuron providing limited local consultation.

I have never been asked my opinion on the Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application or been able to participate in any survey involving the project. I was never asked to participate in the 'Community Attitudes to Wind Farms NSW' page 18 that was done in 2010 and strongly believe that statistics stating that 85% of the population support wind turbines in NSW and 79% support a wind farm being built within 10km of their residence are inaccurate.

The information I have seen involving the proposed site of the Rye Park Wind Turbines is regularly changed, and difficult to understand. I am very concerned that my dwelling only appears on some of the maps Trust Power-Epuron has produced and don't agree with the scaling and distances provided. The confusion and lack of communication from Epuron has also contributed to the divide within the Rye Park Community.

When will we be informed of the exact size of the turbines, the exact location and the exact infrastructure needed to support these turbines? This information has not been provided to me by Epuron despite accessing the limited resources they have provided to me.

As an active member of the Rye Park Rural Fire Brigade I am concerned about aerial support from water bombers and in turn support from earthmoving equipment being disallowed into the area due to the wind farm. We are 21km from the nearest Multi Purpose Service of Boorowa and Boorowa Ambulance Service, which is over 20 minutes away with road retrieval. Southcare can reach the Rye Park locality within 35 minutes of an emergency activation which can be undertaken with the initial 000 phone call. With the installation of the proposed wind turbines I am aware that South Care and Rescue 21 & 51 helicopters in NSW and Careflight will be restricted in their landing and operation within the areas around these proposed wind turbines. Again when making this enquiry with various sources at Epuron no one can tell me what the specific distance from the turbines would be safe for helicopter retrieval. I strongly believe that this will compromise lives as extensive medical research has outlined that early intervention and intervening in the triad of the trauma process significantly reduces mortality rates. This is an appalling lack of human rights as these turbines can potentially deprive the people of the basic emergency care that they may need as outlined above.

I am very concerned that this development will be the closest wind farm development to a school in Australia. With studies still not complete on health effects why are our kids subjected to possible health issues?

I also object to Trust Power-Epuron not outlining within their project application where water will be gained from. Specific turbine information.

The basic infrastructure within the Rye Park Community is very basic and limited with many dirt roads, unpassable roads, I believe the transport routes proposed are not adequate, one route goes straight through the local telephone exchange. Banks street and cemetery road are the main thoroughfare to our local cemetery. The roads mentioned are on the plans as part of the industrial site. I am a shiftworker I sleep during the day. I will not be able to sleep with the amount of traffic

going past my normally quiet street/house. If I wanted to be surrounded by noise I would have bought on Pitt street in Sydney.

We have little mobile phone reception due to lack of service, very little television reception due the new digital television implementation. In Trust Power-Epurons documents these services could be totally lost due to RFI issues, We have very limited waste management facilities and no water and sewerage facilities. The lack of infrastructure will not support the large machinery and trucks, equipment and personnel Trust Power-Epuron have not outlines how they will address these issue.

In conclusion I wish to strongly object to the Rye Park Wind Farm Application – Application Number 10-0223 and am disgusted with the underhanded approach Trust Power-Epuron have taken when dealing with the Rye Park Community with lack of disclosure of information and the unrealistic financial incentives for participating landowners and no financial incentives for people within the village of Rye Park.

I implore you to consider this objection and think to yourself would I like 109 large industrial wind turbines in my back yard?

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Status – I am strongly against this project – Rye Park Wind Farm Project Application Number 10-0223

I give permission for this objection to be published.