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The Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission in Support of Development Application for the Rye Park Wind Farm, 15-40 km north of Yass, approx. 3-4 west of Ryde Park, 250 km south west of Sydney

I am writing in support of the Rye Park Wind Farm (Development Application SSD 6693).

Renewable energy investment is good news for regional areas like ours. The Rye Park Wind Farm will bring lots of benefits to the local community in the short and long term.

I had heard many objections to wind farms prior to agreeing to host turbines. These included excess noise, interruptions to grazing and electrical effects. I had the opportunity to visit Crookwell Wind Farm when it was operational, and seeing this myself, I was satisfied that these objections were unfounded. I would not have agreed to host turbines without satisfying myself of this first.

The economic benefit for the community will begin during the construction period, with the generation of jobs locally and attracting visitors to the area for work. Both locals and visitors are then likely to spend locally, which in turn will generate business, create more jobs and stimulate the local economy.

Once the wind farm is operational it will require people to maintain it, which means long term employment opportunities. Land owners like us that will be directly impacted by the development, will receive continuous compensation, they will most likely spend money locally, stimulating the economy and creating jobs to contribute to a better future.

In addition, the wind farm could generate tourism in the region, bringing tourists from out of town who will also bring their tourist dollars, further contributing to the local economy and increasing job opportunities.

It is for these reasons that I support the Rye Park Wind Farm.

Sincerely

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