

15 June 2016

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**).

I have been directly involved in the consultation activities conducted by Trustpower during the development of its proposal to construct the Rye Park Wind Farm. Trustpower has provided fact sheets, newsletters, a website, held an information day and meetings with us, and they've got a project team in Yass who are always available to answer questions. I have attended meetings and read their literature and feel that they have adequately engaged with the community on the project.

I am supportive of developments in this region to help secure a brighter future and this proposal is particularly beneficial to me because, not only does it have great implications for the environment and our community, as a host landowner I will receive compensation which will not only help with day-to-day costs of operating my farm, but will also provide an income stream into my retirement. My neighbours also benefit because they, too, will receive compensation. This money will stay in the region and create jobs.

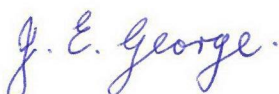
Having visited an operating wind farm in the past, I am comfortable that some of the uncertainties presented by the wider community will be addressed. In particular:

- There is no disturbance to sheep and cattle grazing
- Erosion was controlled as the wind farm had reinstated any cleared land very well
- Noise disturbance is very minimal

Additionally, it is important to address climate change through clean energy, and wind energy certainly adds to the mix of clean energy available in the region.

The Rye Park Wind Farm has my full support for the many benefits it will bring to me, my neighbours and the broader community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. E. George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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