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Rye Park Wind Farm SSD6693

I strenuously object to the amended application submitted by Trustpower for the Rye Park Wind Farm. I have examined the three folders dated 12 May 2016 and I am concerned and perplexed by the proponents' one glaring omission.

There is no firsthand information provided by hosts, neighbours, local residents or the public anywhere with regard to the turbine installation process in Australia or New Zealand.

I have been told in person at my home, at meetings at Rye Park and Yass and at the Trustpower temporary office at Yass many details about the ways in which the installation of the 109 turbines proposed for the Rye Park Wind Farm will be beneficial to my local district. No one has provided information about the physical installation process of the 157m high towers and how, as I understand it, our daily lives are likely to be adversely impacted for a more than 18 month period.

Word of mouth from reliable sources is how rural Australians glean information and when there is no information forthcoming it is difficult for an organisation such as Trustpower to achieve credibility. Trustpower is an experienced wind farm developer and I am surprised that they would commit such a serious error.

I would like to hear from reliable sources who have firsthand experience of the turbine installation process. This would provide greater knowledge, enable me to make an informed decision in relation to the facts presented and would allay my currently well founded concerns.

Trustpower is doing itself a great disservice in failing to address these legitimate concerns and provide comprehensive factual information and first-hand accounts around the reality of the turbine installation process. The lack of transparency breeds a culture of suspicion. In all my media searches I have been able to locate only one firsthand account - Mrs Trina Gare, under parliamentary privilege, telling Senator Nick Xenophon about the effects of hosting 19 turbines on her cattle property in South Australia. Even through the Gares receive just under \$200,000 per annum, she stated it was the worst decision that she had ever made.

Due to the lack of transparency around the turbine installation process, I feel like a mushroom, kept in the dark and fed cow manure.

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* I RETAIN THE RIGHT TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. F.A.Q.