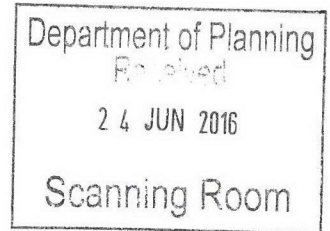


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RYE PARK WIND FARM (SSD 6693)

I object to the amended application for these reasons:

1. I am NOT against renewable energy. However the reason for searching to obtain renewable energy is to save our planet, our vegetations, animal, birds, soil, the air and the human race. In order to achieve this it seems we have to destroy the habitats of animals and birds, (there are many in this area) and indeed the vegetation, which will not rejuvenate probably ever, and the aesthetics of the landscape. This, in itself, will have an effect on the climate e.g. removal of trees causes less rainfall which will then have repercussions for the land owners. Our farm is at the foot of the naturally forested hills which are to the east. Turning to the west apparently we should be excited to see another wind farm being planned. We will have a 360 degree view of windmills from our farm.
2. The area around Rye Park, the winding country lanes with overhanging trees, little and big rolling hills, and gullies have been the draw card of this area for generations and, of late, people from various cities have sort to settle there because of its unscathed landscape. Family members continue to return to enjoy the peacefulness and quietness. These aesthetics will disappear as; straight roads are carved through the bends of the lanes and peoples properties, gentle hills gnawed at, destruction of vegetation to widen roads and to create roads, erosion filling the gentle rippling gullies, some of which have permanent springs, to create the accesses to the sites. Let alone the pollution caused by machinery and large trucks. It will be nothing short of degradation of the land and emotional trauma for the folk of the village and the farms.
3. Sacred places: The beauty of the community cemetery is its site tucked away among the trees nestled against the hills. A quite peaceful place surrounded by wild flowers in the spring and birds and kangaroos in all seasons. An undisturbed area. This area will be greatly encroached upon. The Aboriginal Reserve, near Flakney Creek, is a quiet retreat for their community with grave sites under the trees. How can the government even consider intruding near these areas!
4. How are the farmers to carry out their daily work when trucks are filling the roads? Farmers have to be able to move to their various fields, along public roads, freely, to conduct their businesses with machinery/stock/fodder or wool. Some farming chores cannot wait for a time suitable to others e.g. trucks and machinery continuously on the road. They cannot give days notice when they need to carry out a chore. Some jobs have to be done when they are sighted and when the weather is right or looming bad weather forecasted.
5. This renewable energy project will not last any longer than one generation (25 years life span of a windmill). Are you going to leave the eyesore windmills for our grandchildren and great grandchildren to 'clean up'? And the botched landscape – we had better take plenty of photographs to show them the 'way it was'. Whether there are 109 or 126 the same damage is done to the views, the vegetation, the landforms – marred for ever. Shame on you!
6. There is a verse in the Bible that says "I lift mine eyes to the hills from where will my help come" Psalm 121 v.1. It certainly will not come from the windmills!

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