

16th November 2011

Via Email
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

Re: Objection to MP08 0252 Flyers Creek Wind Farm Project

We moved to the country 8 years ago to escape the dreadful level of development that is present in Sydney. When selecting our site on the outskirts of beautiful and historic Millthorpe, we were mindful of the existing wind farm south of Blayney. We made a conscious decision to ensure that we purchased land that was in no way near that development.

We are distressed to find out that there is now another potential wind farm in this region, with development creeping ever closer towards our now well established rural lifestyle property.

My partner and I are concerned about the following negative aspects of such a wind farm development:

1. The potential negative health impacts from noise pollution - both audible and infrasound. Yes this is a hotly debated matter, but until there is appropriate and independent research conducted to either clearly confirm or reject all of the safety concerns, there should be a moratorium on approving the construction of new wind farms.
2. Visual pollution of the surrounding rural countryside. Wind turbines are a blight on the beautiful rural landscape. From what we understand, the proposal is to make these new turbines twice the height of the ones south of Blayney, thus increasing their visual presence to the surrounding community even further.
3. The devaluation of land parcels, not only immediately surrounding this development, but in the region as a whole. Sure, someone is going to get rich from this project, but it will be at the expense of our local community – both in \$ terms and in quality of life terms.
4. If this development receives the go ahead, clustering wind farms in this region is likely to lead to even more turbines here in the longer term. As a proud resident of this area, this is not what we signed up for. Wind turbines belong in deserts or other such zero population wastelands. We are a thriving rural community surrounded by prime agricultural land - not a zero population wasteland.
5. As an electricity solution, wind power is inefficient and intermittent at best. Given that the proposed wind farm is unable to produce base load power, is it really in NSW's best interests to be moving ahead with such development? Advancements in competing technologies over time are likely to clearly demonstrate that these wind farms are in fact infrastructure white elephants.

As a final question – given the potential negative health, wealth and pollution issues - would you or your family want to be living near a new wind farm?