

*“To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”*

- Thomas Jefferson

What has occurred and what has been lost by ignorance and or bad policy in 200 years would make intelligent minded people like Thomas Jefferson turn in their graves. It's time we get back to the basics and formulate good policy and constructive development at the expense of greed and self-promotion.

We do not support the proposed application to construct wind turbines at Flyers Creek (MP08-0252) for the following reasons:

1. We believe that the previous state government got it wrong by allowing the proposal under part 3A being an “essential service.” It is our belief that it is an “alternative energy source” and possibly a very inefficient one at that. It is proposed by greed without regard to human or long-term environmental welfare.
2. Our property is situated within 2-3km of the proposed development (assuming that the 2 most northern turbines have been removed). Our house was constructed 18 years ago, taking advantage of commanding views and accordingly landscaped to enhance the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside. The proposed turbines will have a major visual impact and will certainly devalue our property as these polluting monsters will destroy our view for at least 20 years if not longer.
3. We run a successful organic free-range egg business from our property and have significant concerns for our hen's welfare. They are sensitive to noise and vibration and any production drop would put undue stress on our business viability. There is evidence to support a detrimental impact on egg production is likely within five kilometres of wind turbines.
4. Ill health is also a major concern not only to us and our hens but our local community, which includes a school situated at Errowanbang. Information relating to side effects seems to be quickly dismissed in favour of multinational companies and a promise of a quick dollar. Other examples of this type of poor policy include: - the use of chemicals such as 245T (agent orange) in agricultural, Arsenic used in sheep dip, Endosulfan used to control insect and asbestos as a building material. All these products once considered safe by our authorities and scientists are now either banned or restricted due to the fact that they have now been proven (albeit far too late to save many people) as highly detrimental to human health and our environment.
5. The Flyers Creek area is also known to have small numbers of superb parrots, squirrel gliders and bats that are all listed as 'vulnerable'. Cadia Valley Operations (Newcrest) operates a local mine and is actively taking significant steps including planting additional habitat in order to encourage these species to prosper. Wind turbines of any size would reduce their

numbers significantly and push them further towards extinction. These vulnerable native species should be preserved for future generations at any cost.

6. We are also very concerned by the unrestricted development of wind turbines that are possibly over subsidised, inefficient and yet to undergo due-diligence. The health effects and environmental impact must not be ignored for political expedience and short-term financial gain. If turbines are to be approved, there must be guarantees that they will be removed and the landscape rehabilitated, and local residence are guaranteed to be compensated for any health effects and compensated for any de-valuation of property. Conditions must be placed on the development of turbines to ensure consumers benefit without tax subsidies and that there is a positive effect on the environment including fauna & flora.
7. Is this technology the best long term technology and is a reasonably densely populated rural area the right place to construct turbines?
8. Infigen Energy has been incredibly arrogant and somewhat misleading with their information that has effectively divided the community. They have also failed to answer any of our concerns or agreed to any monitoring should the proposal be approved. We find no reason to be able to trust Infigen Energy or to back their proposal.

Kind Regards

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