



URALBA RETIREMENT VILLAGE

CARING FOR THE AGED IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Mr. Tony Philp,
Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
23-33 bridge Street,
Sydney,
NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

**Re: FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM
Your ref: MP08 0252**

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Uralba (Carcoar) Incorporated, trading as Uralba Retirement Village, Carcoar.

Ours is a community organisation and we operate a 16 unit hostel for frail aged, together with a number of self care units. Currently, with the assistance of significant grants from the Federal Department of Health and other organisations, we are constructing a 6 unit extension to the hostel which will bring our number of hostel residents to 22. Within the context of our rural community we provide a vital service to our more senior citizens, one we have been providing successfully for over twenty years.

The Board of Uralba, and indeed our general membership, is extremely concerned about the Flyers Creek Wind Farm which is proposed by Infigen Energy. It is apparent to us that there can be problems resulting from wind turbine noise to those living in close proximity to wind turbines, despite wind industry assertions to the contrary. There are reports that we have accessed describing problems of noise out to 5 and even 10 kilometres distance.

Uralba Retirement Village will be situated 5 kilometres from the Flyers Creek development and we feel this puts our residents at risk from the health effects of

intractable noise from the turbines. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to noise disruption leading to sleep disturbance and consequent health sequelae.

The Board of Uralba has a duty of care to provide the best possible environment for its residents. Individual members of the Board have particular issues with the wind farm proposal and will be informing you of this at an individual level. However, as a Board, and with the health and welfare of our residents paramount, we wish to lodge our clear objections to this proposal in the strongest possible way.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Watts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Colleen J. Watts OAM
(Secretary)