

*"Briar Corner"*  
*Mid Western Highway,*  
*Carcoar NSW 2791*

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December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Mr. Toby Philps,  
Department of Planning,  
23-33 Bridge Street,  
SYDNEY NSW 2791

Dear Mr. Philps,

**FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM**

**REFERENCE: MP08 0252**

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the proposal to construct 44 wind turbines at Flyers Creek. I live in Carcoar which will be 5 kilometres from the wind farm. I have lived in Carcoar all my life and worked hard for the betterment of my village and the surrounding countryside.

The prospect of 44 turbines in an area that is quite densely populated for a rural area is completely inappropriate in my opinion. I can see no possible benefit to the community and can only see what is already happening – the division of a community into two camps, with bitterness and distrust. And the turbines haven't even been built!

Infigen, the energy company who is the proponent for Flyers Creek Wind Farm, have arrived in the area and effectively fractured our community, something I not appreciate. It will take years to repair the damage – if it ever can be.

Meanwhile, apart from those relatively few people who have signed contracts with Infigen, the rest of the community is extremely upset at the prospect of having big industrial wind turbines littering the landscape and making such a visual blight. This is not the reason we choose to live in the countryside.

It's not as if this wind farm is likely to bring prosperity to the district. They have stated there will only be three permanent jobs when the wind farm becomes operational. Meanwhile it seems certain that there will be enormous disruption to the community. Our roads, even the main ones, are very poor. The secondary rural roads are mostly gravel (sometimes poorly maintained bitumen) and at times very narrow. It is hard to see how all the machinery, equipment, huge turbines themselves, will be able to get access to many of the sites without creating significant damage to the countryside.

I know from experience described to me in other areas where wind turbines are operated that there is always a significant drop in land values. Many people living here have

most or all of their money invested in their home or farms. It is an enormous issue of equity that some people will suffer from land devaluation while others may benefit from income from Infigen (although I would advise all hosts to make sure they have adequate decommissioning arrangements in their contracts). At the very least I would advise the Department of Planning to ensure that Infigen is required to post a security bond equal to the cost of demolition and removal. And I do not adhere to the argument that the sale of scrap metal will cover the cost of demolition. Scrap metal prices are very erratic at the best of times and who would know what they are likely to be in 20-25 years!

Once again I repeat my objection to the Flyers Creek Wind Farm proposal.

We neither want nor need it.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Braddon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Geoffrey Braddon OAM JP