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Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39,
SYDNEY NSW 2001

To whom it may concern , ,

Re: FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM MP08_0252

We [REDACTED] are aware of the proposal to construct up to 44 wind turbines in the Flyers Creek area, approximately 20 kilometres from Orange, NSW.

We do not give permission for my personal details to be released to the proponent, the public or any other government department.

I wish to lodge our strong objection against this proposed wind turbine project because of the following:

- ✓ **Health Impacts** – My wife and I are particularly concerned about the Vertigo & Dizziness that the wind turbines cause, especially turbines this big. My wife has suffered from Vertigo in the past which stems from migraines – another health impact of wind turbines.
- ✓ **Noise pollution both audible and infrasound** – We are very concerned about the infrasound (low frequency waves) which can affect your body with out even actually hearing it. The Cadia Valley Mine is bound to 45 dba of sound levels. The community that surrounds the mine are encouraged to contact them if they are concerned with sound levels, they are required to investigate each complaint. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) can be contacted about the mine noise and any other Industrial noise but wind turbines are exempt from EPA guidelines. Who can we complain to or raise issues of noise with if wind turbines are not covered under the EPA??
- ✓ **Visual Pollution and increasing turbine size** – These turbines are 150m tall – this is the size of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Would you like this in your back yard? Yet alone seeing 44 of them!
- ✓ **Devaluation of affected land and surrounding land** – My wife and I have just started building our new home in this beautiful area of Forest Reefs. Currently land prices are already down and it is very concerning as we have been planning our dream home for over four years – we would expect property values to rise not to fall up to 40%. This area is prime farming land for cropping, grazing and not to mention how picturesque this area is. All of which attracted us to this part of NSW four years ago. We do not want ugly Turbines in the vicinity of our rural community. WHEN will we be reimbursed for our property decrease in value, WHO will be reimbursing our property for decreasing in value, someone needs to be held accountable for this.
- ✓ **Further damage to already dangerous country roads** – How the heck are they going to fit these monstrous pieces of turbine blades that are 50m long on the already inadequate roads that we have in our community, especially when it is illegal to have road train trucks (50m, 2 x trailers) in this region??

- ✓ *Division of rural communities and alienation within families*
- ✓ *Inadequate or non-existent provision for decommissioning and removal of old turbines - Infigen have said it is lucrative to decommission the turbines for scrap metal BUT, why wont Infigen write this into their contract as a condition to decommission the turbines after their expiry/failure??*

I therefore petition the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to disallow this proposal and look forward to your Department's favourable consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

