Mr. Toby Philip Senior Planning Officer NSW Department of Planning 23 – 33 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000



Ref: Submission with regards to the Flyers Creek Wind Farm (Application MP08-0252)

Dear Mr. Philip,

We are writing to strongly support the establishment of wind farms, in particular, the Flyers Creek Wind Farm.

The development of wind farms has many benefits to the community and as such we would like to list some of those.

- 1. The employment potential created in the construction phase and the ongoing maintenance of wind farms.
- 2. The tourist potential for visitors to these sites is enormous, as demonstrated by current wind farm sites across Australia and overseas.
- 3. The ability to locate electrical generation into rural and more remote areas of our country will assist with distribution and electrical stability of our grid system.
- 4. The guaranteed potential for wind turbines to earn extra income for land owners gives farmers the benefit of a regular income which currently they do not have. This will in turn flow over into local communities.
- 5. The increase in value of land for resale on which wind turbines are located.
- 6. Land on which wind farm infrastructure is located attracts a higher rate base to local councils thus increasing council's budget which will benefit the whole shire.
- 7. The internal road system that is installed to service wind turbines will give quick access to land for bush fire fighting purposes.
- Cadia Gold Mine, which is the single largest user of electricity in NSW, is in close proximity to the proposed Flyers Creek Wind Farm. Electricity produced by the Flyers Creek Wind Farm has the potential to augment Cadia Mine's ever increasing demand for electricity.
- 9. Wind energy is renewable and clean and leaves no lasting effect on the environment. Nor does it affect people's health in the manner of fossil fuel burning energy.
- 10. The generation of electricity from wind energy is relatively new in Australia and as such is a topic of debate across many communities. The alternative is to continue consuming ever increasing amounts of fossil fuel and continue the environmental and health problems this creates.

We have visited wind farms in Australia and overseas, speaking to residents who live close by these sites. These people have no problems living close by or farming land alongside a wind farm.

Sincerely yours K Master

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