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Mr Toby Philip
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NSW Department of Planning
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*Ref : Submission with regards to the Flyers Creek Wind Farm
(Application MP08-252)*

Dear Mr Philip,

I would like to submit my support to this proposed Wind Farm and I believe that my submission is of importance as I am a resident of the district. I have to wonder why wind farms can be used safely overseas why not here at Flyers Creek. Especially as the ones overseas seem to be far closer together and also located with in major cities with out any one being physically attacked or mentally damaged by them.

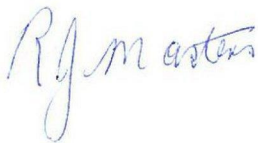
I truly believe that some people have a fear and terror of any new technology but that they will eventually overcome it – till something new comes along. Some feared television when it first was introduced in the 1950's but they now do not even notice them, and it is the same with the hysteria that is being generated by the anti wind farming protagonists. The present hysteria reminds me of the fear that was around when I was a child in the 1930's when the electrification of Penrith was undertaken. My father was one of the first farmers to bring electricity to his dairy farm and house. Even though this made life much easier and more productive for us people were very concerned about the dangers of the electricity. Visitors would not touch the light switches or electrical appliances as they were convinced that they would be harmed but eventually they saw that our lives were much easier and they changed their views.

Throughout my long life I have watched the spread of first electricity and then technology and the benefits they have brought. Sometimes there have been disadvantages especially when there are blackouts, but what are the options, going back to candles and lanterns with their poor light and danger of fire? I believe that the evolving wind and solar technology will bring great advantages to this sunny hot windy land and why not use the gifts nature has given us as opposed to the use of coal or nuclear with all their related problems.

As I have stated I have lived a long life and watched the evolution of technology and I personally find the wind towers rather graceful even elegant (far better to look at than the ugly stacks of the present power stations). I can understand some of the fears of people about the damage to the resident bird life but from what I have read this does not seem to be happening and if you take that attitude what about the birds killed every day by motor vehicles – should we ban all motor vehicles because a bird might be killed by one?

Another bonus of these wind farms could be that with them dispersed across the country generating power where it is needed, we would not need to run the massive power lines across the country, this would surely be a major saving. There would also no longer be the need to build and maintain at a great cost the related infrastructure of road and rail networks to service the coal stations or to try and find a location to forever store safely the nuclear waste materials.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Masters'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

*Mrs R Masters
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