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Mr Toby Philip
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NSW Department of Planning
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SYDNEY NSW 2000

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 that 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 the precincts of major cities with out any one being physically or mentally damaged by them.

I cannot understand the fear and hysteria that is being generated by the anti wind farming protagonists with their wild talk about people being driven mad by the sight and the slight noise as these turbines, or killed by spears of frozen ice coming of the blades in the winter. It all reminds me of the fear mongering that I have read about when the use of electricity was first proposed – that people would be killed by touching a switch, or that the electric light would send you blind if you looked at it, even that with the electrical current in your house you could be made sterile. (Unfortunately that fear did not seem to be true for if you looked back far enough you would probably find that the descendant's of these fear mongers are the ones promoting the anti wind farming hysteria).

I believe that these wind farms, especially in isolated areas like Flyers Creek will provide a major improvement in the supply of electricity required in New South Wales. From my perspective the wind turbines are a far better alternative to the coal fires power stations that produce damaging gases and put a major strain on or very limited water sources. The other proposed alternatives for power generation of nuclear power leaves the question of disposal of the nuclear waste products (something nobody wants stored near them) and the growing worry of terrorists or natural disasters damaging these stations.

There are additional bonus's with these wind farms as they can be dispersed over farmland there is no need to supply and maintain expensive infrastructure of roads and railways to supply them with coal and then to remove the coal waste, nor this there a need for large dams to hold the water for the power turbines. There is also the possibility of wind farms being spread out over the state to provide power to major users either business or local communities thus easing the problems when there is an interruption in power supply in one or another area caused by a local disaster.

From what I have read the wind turbines in Victoria have been closely monitored for several years now and there does not seem to be any serious damage to the local ecology of these areas. The birds and the local animals wild or domestic are alive and active around these towers, without any traumas.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Masters'.

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