

We, the undersigned of *Cottonwood*, 708 Woodhouselee Road, Wayo, NSW 2580, wish to lodge our objection to the proposed establishment of the Crookwell 3 East wind turbine farm to the east and north east of our house and 1 acre property, (Dwelling no. 62 in the Environmental Assessment documents currently on exhibition.)

This objection is based on the violation of our visual amenities, the devaluation of our property, the adverse effect of the heavy traffic increase along with noise, dust and other nuisances during the transport and construction phase. All of these elements, either individually, or in any combination will be to the detriment of our health.

The photomontage clearly illustrates the relationship of the nearest turbines to our property, plus those all along most of our visible skyline, but does not convey any real sense of the resultant dominant effect they will impose on our daily lives.

Note that three turbines were removed from the Pigman's Hill skyline before approval was granted for Crookwell Two. The turbines proposed for Crookwell 3 East will be no less visible and *even more* intrusive and, at 1.4 kilometres from the nearest installation to our property, it is difficult to understand why the proponents think this proposal is any more acceptable. Not to mention the blatant disregard of the 2-kilometre setback recommended in the NSW guidelines, presumably arrived at for good reasons and not be waived purely on the basis of a strategic application date.

For reasons relating to health this property is now on the market. We need to downsize and relocate to a centre with easy access to a well-appointed pacemaker clinic and which removes the associated risks from exposure to the anxiety and stress to which we are currently subjected. In the six weeks the property has been advertised (in print and online) our agent has yet to receive a single enquiry or request to inspect the property. There may be many reasons for this lack of interest but it is not unreasonable to conclude that the confirmation of wind farm proliferation is a major disincentive.

We have no doubt that if the property remains unsold when the construction phase activities commence, the likelihood of any sale will be greatly diminished, if not totally obliterated, effectively rendering us prisoners of the Crookwell 3 development. In addition, if we are forced to remain here, the decreased value of our property will have negative implications on any equity release opportunity we may wish to use to make the residence more comfortable and less subject to the stresses of external activities, i.e. installation of double glazing etc.

This property is our major asset. It was purchased in the late 1990's and we have lived here since 2003 enjoying the pace, tranquillity and ideal office workplace environment in the rural landscape. The above-mentioned health problems forced early retirement from the workforce leaving us less financially prepared than we might otherwise have been.

We certainly would *not* have settled here had we known of development plans on the scale proposed which demand we make such a disproportionate sacrifice 'To the Greater Good'.

Our close proximity to Woodhouselee Road guarantees our daily lives will be *severely* disrupted by the increase of heavy transport traffic for the duration of the construction phase of both Crookwell 2 *and* 3 plus any other developments proposed in the region, i.e. Golspie, (Woodhouselee Road nominated as a preferred route for heavy vehicle movements) and could continue for as long as five years.

We are greatly concerned that our physical, mental and financial wellbeing will be put at extreme risk.

These are therefore the grounds for our vigorous objection to allowing the Crookwell 3 proposal to proceed.

Richard and Sally Bird