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Dear Phillipa,

I am writing to you in regards to my objection to both the Crookwell 2 and especially the Crookwell 3 Wind Farms. Those of us who live in our hamlet/village of Woodhouselee have all got small allotments which are our homes, they are not large working properties and to have them surrounded by imposing wind turbines will be such an intrusion in and on our lives. The intrusion will be visual, increased noise from the construction vehicles and the turbines themselves, our televisions will suffer interference (they already do) along with such things as phone and internet reception. Given that we are smaller blocks, it is challenging for us to sell our properties as they are should we wish to, I can only imagine that the addition of being surrounded by visible wind turbines will most likely lead to our properties being effectively not able to be sold. This little parcel of land is my home, my biggest asset and I am well aware, that the older I get, the more likely the chance that I will need to sell it and downsize. Should the wind farms go ahead, I am convinced that I will certainly not be able to do this.

After being raised and many years of living in Sydney, I moved to the mid north coast to find a more peaceful and quieter life. I had that living there for a while, but after a succession of personal issues I felt the need to move. I wanted to find a little place where I could live a quiet life and be as self-sufficient as I can. After 3 years of searching I found my little place. It was the first place where I felt like it was my home. So, I bought it and have enjoyed the peace and quiet. I enjoy playing in the garden and seeing the little critters in the ground, in the air and roaming around in the paddocks. It is just lovely to come home grab a cuppa and sit out the back and watch the birdlife. Now, after 3 yrs of living here, I am finally feeling some peace. I would hate to move, I would hate to have my beautiful life ruined by the construction of these turbines. I worry about the number of birds who would be injured or even simply pushed out by the turbines. Throughout the year you see birds returning and breeding or raising their young, it would be awful to think that they may not return.

My concern also, is that should we god forbid, ever be in the unfortunate position that there is a bushfire close by, it has come to my attention that it may not be possible to do fly over water bombing due to a no fly zone around the turbines. Whilst we have a fabulous rural bush fire brigade the possibility of not having the aerial assault is quite disconcerting. There is only one road and out and should there be a fire that comes on us quickly it really is quite a scary thought.

I have been contacted by the representative of the Turbine company. He gleefully told me that he loves the turbines, to which I offered to sell him my house so that he could be nice and close to them. Oddly enough, he declined to live in amongst the things he loves so much... Funny that.. He also mentioned that he had calculated how many tonnes of concrete would be needed per turbine, whilst I cannot think of that number right now I do remember that he calculated 19 cement trucks per turbine that will be travelling past my door. The frontage to my house is right on the road and

the thought of the noise, dust and annoyance that these trucks will cause will be horrific. Especially as you consider that there could be up to 30 turbines in Crookwell 3 behind me and the ones that will be constructed from the Woodhouselee Road entrance for Crookwell 2. That is not to mention the trucks and cars for the other components of construction and then of course, you also have the transportation of the turbines themselves. To do this I can only imagine that there will be the need to blast for the foundations etc. So our peace and quiet will be disturbed with blasting, then there will be the dust and that will contaminate my crops, my water supply and then there is the possible damage that may be caused to the houses around the area. I know that the house next door sustained cracks from when the road out the front was being resurfaced, I can only imagine what could happen should there be a constant stream of trucks, blasting, and construction going on. But, it seems that those things are not important in the grand scheme of things as we are, after all just simple little land owners.

The representative also commented that the people who were hosting the turbines and allowing access for construction have been doing it tough and how they really need to benefit from this. My question was and is still, how and why is it, that the emotional, mental and financial state of a couple of wealthy landowners who have thousands of acres is more important than ours? Whilst they may benefit financially (The owner of the rental property next door stands to get money for access, money from the turbine company for payment of acceptance of them along with the rental income and yet, doesn't even live anywhere near the area) it is those of us who live here that will be condemned to a continual onslaught on our emotional, mental, physical and financial situations.

According to the representative, it would take at least 18 months to complete Crookwell 2. That would mean for us, weeks, or months of inconvenience whilst they repair and resurface Woodhouselee Road so that it will be able to take the trucks and traffic. Then I will have to endure a multitude of trucks trudging past my front door, dust and dirt being plastered all over my house, my plants and my crops, possibly having to listen to and feeling blasting with the possible damage to my house, land and other buildings, and the dust from those blasting, once we get past those things there is the six days of construction for if we are lucky, 18 months. To then be subjected to interference on our TVs etc. loss of money on the sale of our properties and then if Crookwell 3 goes ahead, we get to go through the majority all over again! Followed by a definite possibility of never being able to sell my home.

I am saddened by the fact that it feels like I am being bullied into accepting an offer from the turbine company for payment for the inconvenience of having the turbines surrounding my home. The way it is put to you is that you will only get the money if you agree and sign the contract now. As I said to the representative only the other day after he offered me \$9000 pa to sign a contract agreeing to having them around me, I will not be bullied into agreeing in any way having these vile monstrosities surrounding my home. I would much rather not have them!

I understand that there is a need to look at alternative energy supply methods, and I am not opposed to wind farms, however, it astounds me that there is such a need to place one amongst a number of small land owner's homes. I am totally against having the windfarm near our homes and ask that my personal situation be taken into consideration, along with the needs of my neighbours who as renters have no real say what so ever.

Thanking you for the opportunity

Kind Regards

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