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Name of Applicant: Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd.

Application Number: SSD-6693-Mod-1

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Political Donations: NIL

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We very carefully examined the route which said Rye Park Renewable Energy will use to transport equipment for the project through Boorowa to the site.

We live on the corner of Long Street and Dillon Street and we notice that the said company is seeking approval to use part of our property to enable it to negotiate the corner on the side of Red Hill.

As concerned and impacted residents we raise the following concerns and objections to the desired route:

- Our gardens fronting Dillon Street have been called a "showpiece" for the town and yet the aim is to destroy them and steal our land, not bother to tell us and we, presumably, have to accept it – NO WE WON'T! We ARE INSTRUCTING LOCAL SOLICITORS TO INTERCEDE ON OUR BEHALF. Further we don't understand why the Mead's lane alternative has not been explored.
- Dillon Street is above our property. Presumably if the land is required, we assume that it would need to be tarred to stabilise it. Otherwise it would be destroyed due to it being on a slope below a hill, which gives excessive runoff during heavy periodic rain. Dillon Street would therefore need a barrier/fence and appropriate drainage. All this would have to be torn up if our property was to properly remediated. We would require a new fence, proper drainage, plus new mature trees and plants.
- The Mead's Lane alternative would need none or minimal restoration work.
- This is a residential block and we have been resident here since 2015. Where they wish to put the road on our property, we will lose approximately 32 trees and shrubs. We also estimate that many other trees will have roots impacted. These have been planted to attract bees and native birdlife to the area.
- There will be a huge impact on the flora and fauna in the area. After the unprecedented bushfires and drought, Boorowa has had a dramatic influx of native bird life from other areas. This is particularly noticeable in the Dillon Street\Trucking Yards Road and Long Street

area and in the estate in which we reside. Land size in the estate is approximately one hectare per home and people have sown numerous trees and shrubs to encourage birdlife in what was previously farmland. Heavy vehicles with large equipment will endanger the bird life and native animals which reside in the area. This includes kangaroos and wallabies.

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- The map indicated the company is extending its footprint on the corner of Dillon and Long Street onto our property. AT NO TIME HAVE WE BEEN APPROACHED BY SAID COMPANY TO USE OUR PROPERTY IN ANY WAY.
- The photo of our property is wildly out of date The Dillon Street frontage has 30+ trees and shrubs and extensive gardens. The photo shows a bare expanse of land. There is no indication of the gardens we have established in the area they wish to use. It is seen as vacant land. Our property is anything but! The photo does not show the trees, shrubs and gardens we have established in the past few years.
- We already suffer from severe runoff during storms and heavy rain. Extending the turning circle will ensure that water travels devastatingly through our property and the properties of our neighbours.
- We would like the Department to be aware that the juncture of Long and Dillon Streets is the location of services for the remainder of Long Street. This includes telephone, water, gas and power to the area.
- The impact of using our property would lead to degradation of the soil in the land stolen and in surrounding gardens.
- We are a retired couple aged 70 and 68 years. We are unable to restore the damage we anticipate will occur. And we certainly cannot meet the cost of repair to our property.
- We estimate that we would need the services of a landscape gardener to repair our gardens/fences
- . We also estimate that the cost of repair would be beyond our means.
- Should Hilltops Council or the Planning and Environment Authority decide that the requested piece of land remain as a thoroughfare for heavy vehicles and other traffic, our whole garden needs to be redesigned. We cannot afford to do this.
- Consequently, in taking our land, we estimate the value of our residential property would be far less than that of other residences in our estate. It would become a less desirable place to purchase and to live.
- We would suggest that the said company uses Mead's Lane and Long Street. This would be a route through farmland. It would require some amendment and improvement. However, it is a wide expanse of land whereby residential property would not be impacted upon. Mead's Lane is a right hand turn from Lachlan Valley Way the same as the turn into Trucking Yards Road.
- Mead's Lane is a straight road over one concrete culvert and the left turn onto Long Street would be via a flatter, barely used corner. After negotiating the bend, the journey down Long Street is straight with no turns. This is a more obvious route.
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- Regularly, throughout the year we have Superb parrots, an endangered species, visit our garden along with rosellas of all types, galahs, cockatoos, corellas, pee wees, willy wagtails, native finches and wrens. Magpies call our garden home. Indeed, Long and Dillon Streets have a plethora of native bird life which will be severely impacted by large heavy transport negotiating them.

- Our garden is also home to frilled neck and blue tongue lizards. This area bordered by Long and Dillon Streets, also has brown snakes which are prevalent each year. They are a protected species. Each summer brown snakes and lizards are killed by the traffic which uses Long Street and Dillon Street. The impact of large, heavy vehicles using the roads many times a day will increase the death rate among the above animals.
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- Indeed, Boorowa has encouraged residents, both in town and on farms to let dead timber stand so that native parrots have a place to roost.
- Land size in the estate bound by Long and Dillon Streets is approximately one hectare per home and people have sown numerous trees and shrubs to encourage birdlife in what was previously farmland. Heavy vehicles with large equipment will endanger the bird life and native animals which reside in the area. This includes kangaroos and wallabies.
- Where the heavy, loaded vehicles and empty vehicles will travel, there is a conservation area which is the size of a town block. Here native birds and animals can be found. As there is open farmland on the other side of Long Street, kangaroos and wallabies abound. With farmland all around, kangaroos and wallabies can be found in Long and Dillon Street at any time. They are in the gardens of the residents. These native animals are in danger of being struck by the transport at any time. Currently one kangaroo or wallaby is decimated by a vehicle each year.
- Long and Dillon Streets are bound by many tall and established trees, including eucalypts. The vehicles travelling this route will damage the timber irreparably.
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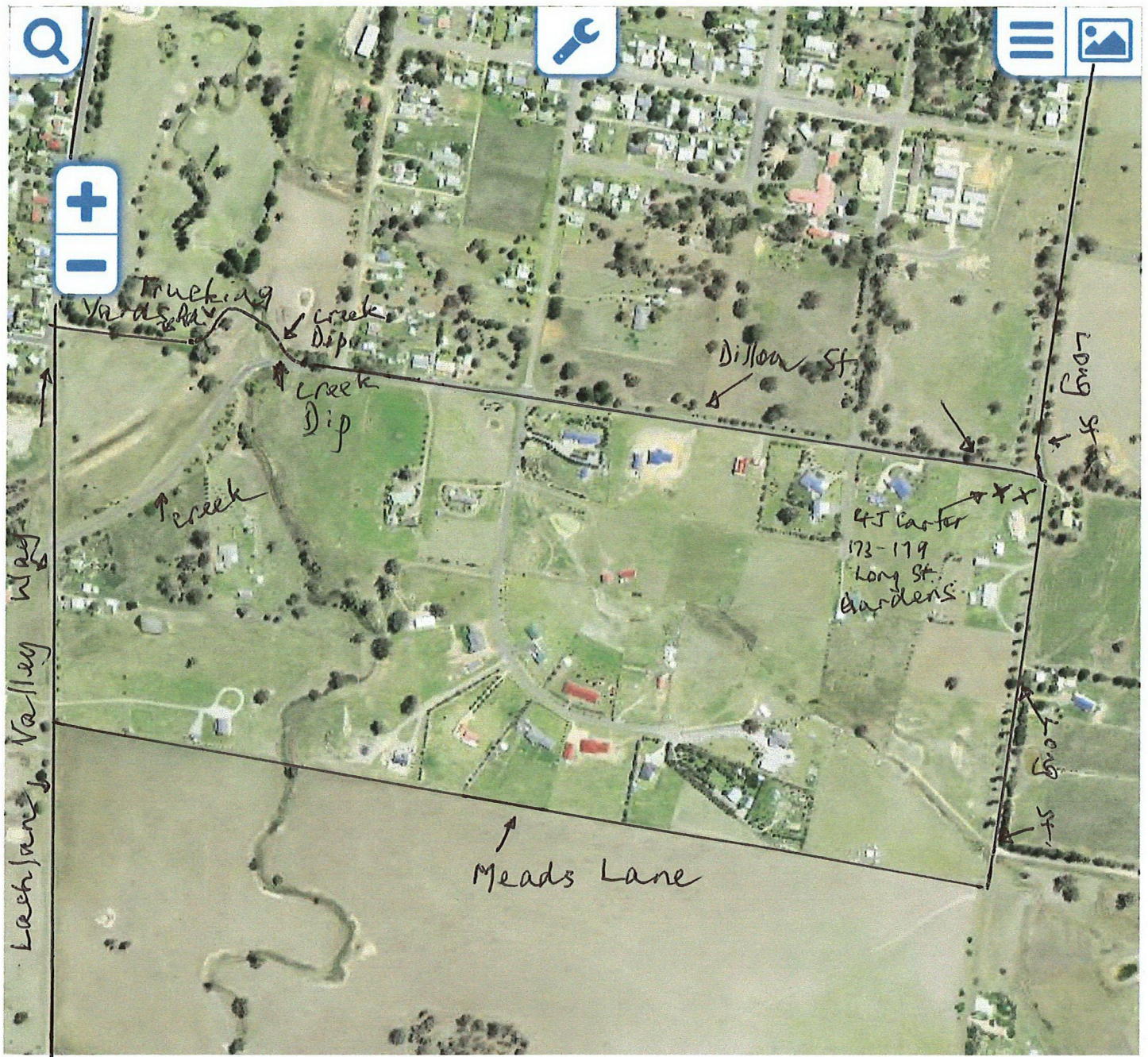
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- Rye Park Renewable Energy could contact Bango Wind Farm, which is currently under construction, to use their road through the property where they are constructing the wind farm and then extend the road to Rye Park. Bango Wind Farm is entered on Lachlan Valley Way. This would require negotiation with several farmers in the location.
- If the internal tracks on the proposed wind farm are to be widened to 30 metres, how will the trucks negotiate Trucking Yards Road, Dillon and Long Streets? Any widening on either of these streets will cause damage to trees which line the footpaths of the area and have an impact on the residential homes on these streets. The noise, pollution and danger from many large, heavy vehicles close to homes would cause unnecessary stress for residents.
- Since we have been here, we have had people misjudging the corner, running into and taking out panels of our fence. These have been small vehicles. We are concerned that large, heavy trucks will do the same.
- Our garden is designed as a wholistic garden. Any change through resumption would mean the garden would need to be redesigned. We are too old to do this. We cannot afford such expense.
- Our garden is designed to minimise noise and lights at night. Our bedroom is on the northern side where the proposed route is located.
- As we have not been consulted by Rye Park Renewable Energy through mail, telephone or email and the map does not provide dimensions for the area of garden they wish to use, we assume that there is no clear idea of the amount of land they will take.
- Dillon and Long Streets provide access to the local cemetery. Long Street is an essential and the only street to the cemetery.

- Trucking Yards Road, Dillon and Long Streets also provide access to the council rubbish tip. Long Street is the only route to the rubbish dump for garbage/recycling trucks and for residents of the district.
- The photograph used does not indicate that the areas of Long and Dillon Street are substantial residential areas. All available blocks of land have been purchased and built upon. Four blocks in Dillon Street, were recently subdivided and sold. There are no residences there yet.
- The area is home to many young families and retired couples. The noise from the transport vehicles and the danger they present to children and the elderly, is incalculable.
- One block North of Dillon Street and South of Long Street there are residential units for elderly people and a residence for elderly people. Boorowa Multi Purpose Service exists in this precinct. Boorowa MPS has a nursing home for 12 residents and a hospital. Noise generated by the movement of the trucks, particularly at night, will undoubtedly cause harm. As a country community with little traffic noise, particularly at night, travels long distances. Residents living on Trucking Yards Road, Dillon and Long Streets will be severely impacted. Residents further into town will also suffer immeasurably.
- With internet service via the NBN variable, we have not been able to fully access the website. Our understanding is that there are no plans to provide noise and light abatement strategies. There are no drainage plans to mitigate our property and that of neighbours. There are no plans to enable funerals to occur without negotiation with the company and the same would apply to people who use the rubbish dump.
- The Rye Park Renewable Energy Company prides itself on community consultation.
- **AT NO TIME HAVE THE RESIDENTS OF LONG AND DILLON STREETS BEEN CONSULTED or NOTIFIED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT WILL OCCUR WITH THE ROUTE THEY ARE NOW USING TO TRANSPORT THE 200 METRE PYLONS THROUGH THE TOWN OF BOOROWA.**
- **When we approached our Boorowa Hilltops council office and explained our concerns regarding the route change, the council officer we spoke with was unaware of the change, as was apparently the shire engineer that the officer phoned in Young. The engineer was to investigate and get back to us regarding this issue.**
- **Apparently, the windfarm developers have stated in their application to the State Government that they have provided extensive community consultation.**
- ***Our experience would suggest that has not been the case with us, with Hilltops Council or any residents of Boorowa.***

Our initial submission used the word "stolen." Please forgive us for using this emotive word. We felt that our property was being stolen from us as no one had bothered to contact us regarding its use.

We do not know if other residents on Long and Dillon Streets and Trucking Yard Road are going to put in submissions. We hope that you will regard this submission with integrity and recognise that as an elderly couple we will find it difficult to meet the challenges that the route proposed will present for us.

Thank you for considering our objections.



This 2015 map ignores the development that has occurred post this date. Am unable to find 2020 map which features said development.

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