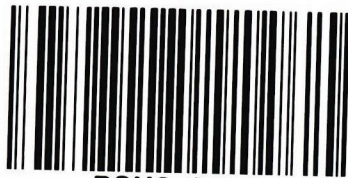


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Long + Lenny BICKFORD
"EVERTON"

5316 Dalton Road,
Rye Park NSW 2586

Application : RPWF Modification 1

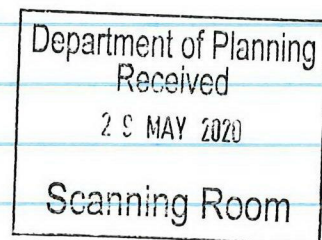
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* We lodge this submission to object to this development to increase turbine size and infrastructure.

* Please note: We do NOT receive any financial gains from this project. At all times we have refused generous Neighbourhood Agreement offers.

* We support Natural Energy in that we have been committed to solar panels on our home which have been in operation for many years.

* We have no political donations to declare.



We oppose this development for the following reasons:

A. VISUAL IMPACT

* There is significant increase in the dimensions of the proposed turbines, this increase is in no way lessened because of the reduction of 12 turbines.

* 43 metres is a considerable, not subtle extension. Not only does this involve height, the rotor span is enlarged from 80m. to a 170m span, this increases the physical "space" of each turbine, making significant visual impact in both height and width.

The manufactured components in the actual amount of each turbine in 200m. models, when totalled, is approx same amount as in 92 turbines at 157m - virtually no lessening of actual visual material. However, visually more impacting.

* No proper details have been provided as to the choice of turbine. There is no certainty as to the defines of the chosen end result/decision.

B. COMMULATIVE EFFECT

The entire R. Park area will abound with turbines, these will exist in every direction with NO visual respite in the entire region. This increase in size adds to the impact of the Bango Project, we will live within a corridor of turbines - the expression "meat in the sandwich" applies. The larger the

turbine, the larger the distraction from our valued rural landscape. Turbines will be in sight at all times in every direction we travel, as well as from the non escape of turbines in the east and west when in our homes and outdoor workplaces.

* Photomontages have been grossly inadequate (refer page 8 of this submission) and in no way present an even vaguely representation.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

* NSW (and other areas within Australia) has been severely impacted by horrendous Jan/Feb 2020 bushfires, continued drought has also resulted in the demise of much vegetation, trees, etc. None of the destruction was planned nor welcomed, however it can be hoped that over a long period regrowth and rejuvenation will occur.

* The proposed larger turbines will impact even more than the original size and will result in areas well above the approved rate - 284 h. None of the clearing can be replaced, all the vegetation / trees / native species will completely fail to ever exist, this is wilful destruction, land will be exposed greatly to the inevitable erosion as well as a huge loss to native birds and animals.

* Track widths to be extended from 12m. to 30m. !!! A count of roadside trees to be removed for the preferred route has not been specified, nor has details of approval

from councils or landowners been specified

* It is acknowledged that bird casualties will increase, TILT mentions that this will be "supervised" - what does this specifically mean? Details non-existent. We have kept records of birdlife here at our home for 48 years, the demise of any to us would be devastating. Little mention is made of wedge tailed eagles and the migratory path of Superb Parrots. Massive land clearing will impact on food and shelter to the many variety of wildlife.

NOISE FACTOR

* We continue to have great concerns re. noise levels. We have addressed this issue in every submission. We have approached all proponents for sound results, specifically for the dates (& frequency) and locations of trials. Promises to provide such information have never been forthcoming.

* The Noise Table indicates that as R.271 we are in a fragile area. Many of the readings make our home close to the upper limit, meaning a slight increase in wind velocity would make our lives most uncomfortable.

The site of our home seems to invite frequent sound distortions, also sensitivity to sounds of ~~off~~ outdoor activities within a 3km radius (this is also recorded as happening in early 1900.)^①

* We do not wish to be compromised any further by any

inevitable increase in the sound produced by larger turbines - it is inconceivable to accept that there would be little, if any sound increases.

It has to be realized that noise levels could exist for all 24 hours, resulting in health issues and the stability of our 1840's homestead which requires constant airing.

* It is noted that TILT does expect adverse noise levels by providing some associates with double glazing.

① "Beyond the Borders" pg 134

Stuart Hamilton Hume 1991 (Published Jennifer Macdougall and Prudence Grier)

WATER

* It has been stated that no decision has been made re. water supplies. Such a vital aspect requires proper action especially as water resources are at present severely compromised. No local supplies are available, outrage from Yass residents resulted in water supplies for the Bango project coming from the Yass supply to be abruptly stopped.

Mention is made of tapping underground resources, this in turn would require sawing/boring, drilling etc etc. another development project to develop requiring approval from many sectors. The inability to have this matter already resolved is indeed short sighted and irresponsible.

ABORIGINAL IMPACT

* We again are shocked that studies submitted do not have not, even included consultation with local aboriginals.

The unique availability of a 96 year old woman who was raised in the *Pudman Aboriginal Reserve has NEVER been acknowledged. This input is invaluable but has been totally ignored.

* Also referred to as "Blakeney Creek" Reserve.

Details: pg 110 Weeneewaa History Series Vol. 2
"The Pajong and Wallabaleoa"

Ann Jackson - Nakano 2002

ISBN 0 9585637 5 6

Refer also: "Beyond the Borders" pgs 201 "The Aboriginal Connection".

COMMUNITY ISSUES:

The credibility of this project is in serious doubt. Such huge increases in the effect of increasing turbine size will have additional negative impact on the environment and residents. The countryside has areas of dense vegetation and well populated, this scene is totally foreign to the scenes depicted in areas of Snowtown - gentle grassy hills, void of trees, farms, houses etc.

- * Many shortcomings have failed to give credit to the ability/credit for TILT to undertake this project. Refusal to listen to locals, to take heed of errors etc. severely limits communication and trust.

Examples:

- * Submission Folder: Introduction - 1.0 paragraph 3
"RPWF is located WEST of Rye Park (TOTALLY EAST)

- * All Newsletters depict double front page photomontage titled "RPWFarm" - the scene is that of Coolalie, situated approx 50 kms south-east of Rye Park. Photo location PM1. TILT was notified of this error in Nov, it was acknowledged in December, however, this scene has been printed on EVERY Newsletter, including May, 2020. Apology - no photograph was supplied on Nov. 2019 Newsletter.

- * Community Meeting Nov 2019 Written invitation stated that "studies had been UNDERTAKEN" etc. No information was provided at the meeting, we were told studies had not been completed. Virtually there were no answers, no benefit study, as

Initially no information was given. The staff acknowledged the inadequacy of the reaction and truthfully promised / assured those present, that a second meeting would be arranged prior to the submission of the proposal. Of course this isn't anticipated, a meeting would have been possible in late Jan, early Feb 2020. It was a missed opportunity to meet with locals, so problems with social distancing etc. A second and 3rd environment was assumed.

* Format and distribution of TILT report. Very few students have any idea of this submission. Notification from P+E Dept. appears to have been only to those, who in the past have made submissions. The impact of the changes has attracted residents. The only means of information from downloading, has seriously disadvantaged all residents, and in experience.

Such a volume of information is a massive task to locate, comprehend and within less than 3 weeks create a personal response. A hardcopy folder is now available (has 4 hours in total per week) at the P.O. Ry Park. The TILT rep. was spotted on his recent visit and confronted with the lack of information, the provision of the folder was due to a local's intervention, not a TILT intervention. * Folder arrived at Ry Park P.O. on 26/5/20.

* Keys were all outdated, lacking many buildings.

* Properties have been identified as being purchased by TILT. This is totally incorrect.

The issue at hand is very emotive and sensitive. We are already experiencing the aspects of the Bango Project, seeing massive negative changes to the countryside. Construction noise is becoming loud and clear making it an anxious time in anticipating accumulative noise we could experience in the future.

The time frame of less than 3 weeks to respond to the on line only resources has been stressful and impossible to access and absorb information in a manner which enables a studied response.

By complying with the Jan 3 deadline, I accept that I am permitted to add to this submission at a date in the near future, but after June 3, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Tony and Penny BICKFORD.

Rye Park Wind Farm

Coolalie, Ref. Green Bean Design
Photo location PM1 View towards RPWF from
Coolalie Road.

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December
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Project update

As the year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe, healthy and happy festive season.

Our trip to Rye Park, Yass and Boorowa in November was invaluable, and while we acknowledge that it was overdue, we thank you for your attendance at these sessions. We value your feedback and have taken the time to review it, share it with our internal stakeholders and determine where we can improve or meet expectations.

This December Newsletter endeavours to capture a summary of your feedback and provide further explanations where possible.

The team at Tilt Renewables wishes you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We thank you for your support and feedback through 2019 and look forward to a positive 2020.

Proposed modification at a glance

A proposed modification to the Rye Park Wind Farm development consent will result in a more efficient wind farm.

Key changes and benefits include:



A reduction in turbines from 92 to 80 and **increase in tip height** from 157 metres to 200 metres.



Refinements to the site layout, access tracks and supporting infrastructure, to provide greater certainty about potential impacts and how the wind farm will look and operate.



More clean energy for Australian homes and businesses

An increase in generation capacity from 327MW to 448MW could power around 240,000 homes - an increase of 70,000 compared to the approved project.



Carbon emission savings

Producing more clean energy means more carbon savings - up from 800,000 to over 1 million tonnes per year. That's equivalent to taking 370,000 cars off the road each year.

MERRY
Christmas



Proposed changes to the approved project

We are proposing the following modifications to the approved Rye Park Wind Farm development consent to increase project benefits and address design challenges.

Project component	Current (approved)	Proposed (modification)	Change
Number of turbines	92	80	-12
Height of turbines (maximum tip height)	157m	200m	+43m
Operations and maintenance buildings	2	1	-1
Collection substations	3	1	-2
Construction truck routes	Multiple options	Preferred option	Removal of options



Feedback on proposed changes to the approved project

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What we asked:

Development consent modification:

Does the proposed modification raise any new concerns or ideas for you?

Benefit sharing: Do you have suggestions for how Tilt Renewables can contribute positively to your community?

Communication and engagement:

How would you like us to consult with you and keep you informed about the project in future?

What we heard:

We recorded around 200 individual comments (from feedback forms, conversations and emails) during the consultation period. Of all comments recorded the vast majority were related to the proposed modification (40%), construction (20%) communication and engagement (15%).

A broad range of other topics, including benefit sharing (4%), were also discussed. While some of these topics are not directly relevant to or actionable in the project's current stage of development, they have all been recorded so that they can be considered at the appropriate time (e.g. feedback about construction methodology and mitigation measures will be important in the development of management plans).

Modification assessment process

We expect to apply for a modification to the existing Rye Park Wind Farm Development Consent in early 2020.

2020

Modification application

Following community consultation, we expect to finalise a modification application and submit it to DPIE for assessment in early 2020.

Community information sessions

We will be available to discuss the final modification and environmental assessment with locals during the DPIE assessment and formal submissions process.

Formal assessment and submissions

The modification application will be assessed by DPIE. It will be placed on public exhibition and submissions may be made in response to the modification.

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Assessment decision

We expect that it will take around 12 months for the modification to be assessed.