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Submission in relation to amendment Mod4 of
GLEN INNES WIND FARM.

Glen Innes Wind Powers' proposed increase to the approved turbine tower height and blade length significantly changes the projects environmental foot print. It impacts upon a greater number of residents and communities within the Farracabad Valley , Mathison and the township of Glen Innes. These significant size increases are beyond the approved esthetic impact that the Wind farms' larger structures would have on the landscape.

The massive increase, from the first approval 2009, then Mod2, Mod3 and current, to the turbines structural height and diameter is a determined rout by Glen Innes Wind Power to subvert the approval process by attempting to modify and enlarge the project via stealth. The larger aerial sweeps and vortices created by these larger structures will affect a larger flight area for fauna, the air turbulence will be more powerful and sustained and felt for a greater distance. This proposed amendment totally changes the parameters of the approvals granted for the original project. The enlarged modifications sort are so great and the environmental footprint so vastly increased that this would warrant a totally new Planning application for the design and placement of the entire Project.

Consideration of local community's views and its will must play a prominent part in any decision making of the Board. Any changes to the project so extreme should NOT be considered as an amendment or modification rather facilitate the need for a new Planning application. The modification being presented by Glen Innes Wind Power serves no interest to the local community, adds nothing to the environments protection and does nothing to lessen the projects environment impact. Glen Innes Wind Power, promotes that it will increase its output by 15. Megawatts by installing these much larger towers and props. Why is Glen Innes Wind Power not pursuing a more environmentally and economically responsible submission? That of having fewer LARGER towers able to produce the original projects approved Megawatts .This clearly is putting the company's objectives for profit, before that of the environment and the local community.

There is the esthetic impact to the rural landscape of these vastly larger turbines to be re-considered. The huge visual mark of the proposed monolithic turbines, some 28m higher and 16m wider in diameter. on the Furracabad Valley and the Waterloo Range, would distort the horizon more overtly than the formerly approved. Their constant visual presence, directly adjacent to effected residents would be nothing less than visual pollution. So overtly oversized are the modified structures, that surrounding flora and farm land is now effected beyond the landholder's properties agreeing to erect the towers. I note, that it is only these few landholders that are compensated for this imposition, whilst the majority of possibly effected locals will not.

I hereby submit my objection to the Glen Innes Wind Farm submission to increase the size of the turbine towers and blades.

Sincerely,
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