

## **APPENDIX F: COMMUNITY PETITION**

The Hon. Rob Stokes MP  
NSW Minister for Planning  
52 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000  
4/10/2016

Dear Minister Stokes,

We write to you expressing our dismay at action you have authorised which will irreparably damage the beautiful Barrier Ranges at Silverton and our lives as we currently know them. We not only mourn this loss for ourselves, but also for our children, grandchildren and the people of Australia who will visit to see this magnificent area.

We don't expect you to know where Silverton is, it is about as far away from Sydney as you can get before crossing into South Australia. We are, however, just as important as the communities in Sydney and you have the same responsibility to us as those more populated areas of the state.

We speak of the AGL Silverton Wind Farm project for which you are currently considering allowing 180 metre high turbines. The Barrier Ranges are rugged to say the least. In order for a wind farm to be built here, AGL will need to blast huge areas of land for the formation of level areas, roads etc. This is nothing less than environmental vandalism and this kind of destruction cannot be justified. The hills will NEVER look the same as they do now. You cannot impose any penalties upon AGL which will protect our ranges, as we know too well this company's reputation for ignoring conditions and also the people who live close to their developments. They have no interest in preserving our natural environment or the heritage held within. The following points highlight our most serious concerns:

- The project was approved by disgraced minister Tony Kelly
- An act of parliament was changed to allow this project on the host properties
- Host property owners (lessees) were forced to sign to allow the project on their land under threat of having their land taken away from them. Not all hosts are in favour of this project
- The Barrier Ranges are beautiful, rugged and pristine. The visual and landscape value have been grossly underestimated
- The Sidney Kidman connection with the Silverton area has been ignored
- The significant Australian mining history (Silverton is the birthplace of BHP) has been ignored
- The significant Trade Union History ( has early roots in Silverton, 8 hour day was formed here)...ignored
- The significant Silverton Tramway Company was formed by five Silverton businessmen. It was Australia's first privately owned railway, formed to connect NSW with SA so ore from Broken Hill could be sent to smelters in SA. This railway served to make billions of dollars in royalties for the NSW Government....ignored

- Eldee Station was once part of Mundi Mundi Pastoral Station which was settled by 1860. The Head Station Homestead, men's quarters and a number of other buildings were built in a picturesque spot along a creek. It was here that Traphera Whiting was born...the first European female born on the Barrier Ranges. The ruins of these buildings still stand....ignored
- The Mundi Mundi Head Station Homestead is believed to be the first place on the Barrier Ranges to have a telephone line.....more history ignored
- At least one mega fauna fossil site exists in the Eldee House Creek.....another significant site ignored
- Has anyone investigated the Dreamtime Story of the Bronze wing Pigeon in the Barrier Ranges.....this story is significant to local indigenous people and continues on to the Pinnacles area in Broken Hill which has been declared a sacred site.....ignored
- We are aware of Aboriginal rock art in the area of the wind farm site.... Ignored
- There is evidence of indigenous occupation sites dating back thousands of years...these are ignored.....your department cannot oversee all AGL's activities on this site and protect the myriad of significant sites, both indigenous and European, which have survived through the protection from the current land holders...
- Species of plants which grow nowhere else in the world...ignored
- Significant bird and bat populations on the project site...ignored
- The discovery of a new species of lizard, the Barrier Range Dragon, listed as endangered...ignored
- Known issues with noise of turbines and impacts on local communities...ignored
- Known health effects.....yes governments around the world know.....ignored
- Aboriginal cultural heritage sites on the project site...ignored
- Tourism impacts on Silverton...ignored
- Film industry impacts..... think Mad Max, Strangerland, A Town Like Alice and countless TV commercials.....ignored
- Impacts on our lifestyle.....ignored
- Our small population (about 40) makes it almost impossible to get 30 submissions to warrant a PAC hearing.....it also makes us vulnerable to such projects (not enough people to complain, according to AGL)
- The attached signatures are from Silverton Residents, Broken Hill Residents and some visitors to Silverton over the past week...we urge you to take note of the comments....

These points just scratch the surface. This project should never have gained approval at the very start. We, the undersigned, urge you and your department to reject the current Modification 3 application before you and any future applications for extension or modification of this project. When the currently approved construction time runs out, the project's complete demise should be allowed. If you have any power to extinguish this project immediately, it should be done.

Yours sincerely

See attached

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
KEVIN WHITE	1 Brown St Broken Hill	Kevin White	Move out of sight
Ben Lovering	46 Latham Rd Glenelg St	Ben	move out of sight
MKayla Varga	West Richmond, SA	MKayla	move out of sight don't ruin scenery!!
Prince Matthew	Sydney NSW	Prince	move out of the sight.
Mary Larrie	Sydney NSW	Mary	move out of the sight
H. JACOBS	140 LORIC CR 09 B02 316	H. Jacobs	
S. TALOR	20 DAND FOUR ROAD	S. Talor	
Elizabeth white	1 Brown St Broken Hill	Elizabeth	Move out of sight.
S. MICHAELS	113 GARNET ST B.H.	S. Michaels	" " " "
B. POWER	194 RYAN ST	B. Power	IN SIGHT NOT NECESSARY AWAY FROM POPULATED AREA!
YUSRA	3/325 Morgan Ln	Yusra	" " "
J. Russell	Harrow Vic.	J. Russell	"
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Georgy White	668 LAKE LANE	Georgy White	Please TAKE a drive and shift further north
John Gordon	219 BROWN ST	John Gordon	"
Georgy Bamber	204 Ryan Street	Georgy Bamber	"
Allana Flage	63 Crendon St	Allana	keep the Scenery! needs to be moved further out and NOT TOO HIGH
Judy Beare	57 ONEY NSW	Judy Beare	
GRAEME SHIRLEY	Bordertown SA	GRAEME SHIRLEY	ADDED HEIGHT WILL ADD TO THE NOISE FACTOR
JIM SHIRLEY	BRISBANE. Q Brisbane Q	JIM SHIRLEY	



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Maxine Taplin	Stirling St Silverton NSW 2880	M. R. Taplin	This will kill Silverton and the tourist industry we have little jobs opportunity in Broken Hill and we rely on tourist for jobs. Go your own way
Tracy O'HARA	UMBERUMBERKS CR SILVERTON	[Signature]	Noise + Visual effects will be detrimental
Katherine Wymond	Lot 76 Umburumburks Cr Silverton	K. Wymond	NOISE + VISUAL EFFECTS WILL BE HUGE AND VERY UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF NOISE
JOHN TAPLIN	STIRLING ST SILVERTON	[Signature]	Noise and visual interruption to lands- cape. Road issues.
Jill Blackburn	Chapple Lne Broken Hill	[Signature]	
Carol Stephen	BROKEN HILL	C. Stephen	
K. HARRAND	BROKEN HILL	[Signature]	
Lyn Ryan	BROKEN HILL	L. Ryan	
Dolores MARTIN AVICA	BROKEN HILL SILVERTON.	[Signature]	
Margaret Miller	BROKEN HILL	M. Miller	Noise + Visual.
Cheryl Scoble	BROKEN HILL	C. Scoble	Visual.

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DES KLINGBIELE	112 COBALT ST B/HILL	[Signature]	
J. Dally	285 GERRARD ST BROKEN HILL	J. Dally	
BOB WATSON	SILVERTON	[Signature]	
A O'REILLY	BROKEN HILL	A O'Reilly	

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LEE FABBIAN	SILVERTON NSW	[Signature]	
JIM NEELSON	SILVERTON NSW	[Signature]	
Marg Aziz	BROKEN HILL NSW	M. Aziz	

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Helen Murray	Lot 10 Umlerumbaka Creek Rd. Silvertown	HJ Murray	This is not the right place for an industrial development. There is plenty of land out here, well away from any town or people.
BARRY MURRAY	LOT 10 UMLERUMBAKA CREEK RD SILVERTOWN	B. Murray	AGREE WITH ABOVE & LOOK AT S.A. DEBARCL
Trevor Moschetti	VICTORS	Trevor Moschetti	Ruin's Landscape.
Kate Gardner	VICTORS	K.G.	Destroys the natural landscape + periodic township
Linda Bennett	Silvertown	L. Bennett	Should never be a tourist destination.
Adrian Bennett	Madmax Museum	Adrian Bennett	DAMAGE TO ENVIRONMENT FAR OUT-WEIGHS ANY BENEFITS.
RALPH WESTLEY	WODONGA	R. Westley	SPOIL THE OUTBACK VISTA.
Loos Dean	Wodonga Vic.	J. Dean	Can't see the point
Bella Dean	" "	B.D.	Just Solar Power.
LOWZ ART GALLERY	ART GALLERY HOME	Chris Low	Worried of the effects
CHANTELL DYNON	Tibooburra	Chantell Dynon	and it won't look nice they're wrong place for a windfarm
Vicki Juhász	Silvertown	Vicki Juhász	There are plenty of places to put a wind farm where it won't affect the views of people who live here for the peace & quiet & scenery people have made homes and businesses here long before wind farms were thought of.
Bob Murray	Silvertown	Bob Murray	
Kaye Thorne	SYDNEY	Kaye Thorne	DONT RUIN PERFECTION!
GK Whye	89 THOMAS STREET.	GK Whye	GOVERNMENT APPROVED VANDALISM.
IAN BENNETTS	633 BERT ST.	Ian Bennetts	DO NOT AGREE..
Robert Sokaras	57 WILLIAMS	Robert Sokaras	N/O.



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Lyn Ryan	Broken Hill	L Ryan	
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Margaret Miller	Broken Hill	M Miller	Noise + Visual.
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INES MCLEOD	BURKE ST SILVERTON	I McLeod	It is the oldest Mineralis Range in the world and should be left alone Am sure the visual impact will destroy Touri The Country will never look the same again go away!! And as for creating jobs, that is a load of horse shit.