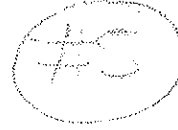


Swati Sharma - Online Submission from Peter Taft (object)

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*The project is insignificant in respect of Bungendore's growth, which is driven by increasing numbers of commuters to Canberra. In fact, by reducing the land available for housing development along Tarago Road, the project most likely has a net negative impact on Bungendore's growth in the longer term. Bungendore has no unemployment problem that would be addressed by the project's five full-time operational jobs.

*Despite the existing wind farm being in place for some years, the proponent has shown no interest in joining the Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry or otherwise being involved in Community amenities, other than one sponsorship associated with the lake area. The proponent has never shown up to explain their projects at major community events such as the local school fair or the Bungendore Show.

*The proponent claimed on radio to have held an open day for their solar energy project. If it did, it was not advertised in the local press, not reported on afterwards, and I have not met anybody who attended. This is not directly relevant to the wind farm application, however it is indicative of the extent to which the proponent is prepared to ignore the Bungendore community while misleading the general public about the extent of its consultative activities.

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*The proponent has not released information showing how much useful power has been generated by the existing wind farm and at what cost, and how much greenhouse gas abatement has occurred. Like 'Capital 1', the 'Capital 2' proposal appears to be less about harvesting wind energy and more about harvesting taxpayer-funded subsidies.

*Green energy is most effective where it is in demand and where infrastructure to link generation to consumption is minimised. Consequently, wind turbines should be placed in and around Sydney, not in rural areas where significant losses occur in long-distance transmission.

*No plan has been provided as to how and when the proponent would decommission and remove the wind turbines in the event of the project not proving cost effective in the face of more efficient renewable and low-carbon-emitting energy projects expected to come on line over the next few decades.

*Finally, I note that the time allocated to comment on this project straddled the new year period when people were less likely to be able to make submissions. Further, the application notice is misleading in so far as locating the project relative the small Tarago township rather than the bigger and closer town of Bungendore.

*I have not made any donation to any political party in the past two years.

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