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Rye Park Wind Farm
SSD - 6693-Mod-1

To whom it may concern,

I write to express my sincere concern regarding the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm and the subsequent modification application. The proposal for modification as presented by Tilt renewables severely overlooks environmental impact and destruction to the area and surrounding properties and, in turn, ignores the emotional and mental toll it will take and has already taken on the people of this community.

To be clear, I am not against the use of turbines to generate renewable and clean energy. But I am against the devastation that will be caused to the flora, fauna and countryside, as has been outlined by Tilt themselves. Indeed it seems counterproductive to be establishing these turbines, meant for environmental benefit, through means of creating environmental destruction with a footprint that is immense. Despite part of the joy of this area being the wide open sky unimpaired by man made structures, the visual impact is less of a concern to me then the environmental devastation of the very things that breath spirit into Rye Park.

Referring to the project development layout -1, our property is R29. This property has been in our family for three generations, and we acknowledge it is on Ngunnawal land. We have loved and tended this land and it is a place of stillness and serenity for us. How is it a considered and positive decision to plow a 30m highway through this countryside? The trees and plants, birds, animals and insects that will die as a result of this decision cannot be accurately measured or captured in a small risk assessment. Australian animals and landscapes have already severely suffered this year through the bushfires. Shame on Tilt renewables for presenting a project that endorses the continued destruction of wildlife and natural habitats. How can Tilt renewables prove that the benefits of generating turbine energy, can outweigh the destruction and annihilation of the trees and animals of that area - White Box Yellow Gums, Red Box Woodland, the Striped Legless Lizard, the Superb Parrots and Golden Sun Moth.

This countryside will be destroyed by a freeway size road directly through the area, drawing traffic through. If the modification goes ahead, what will happen to these cleared dusty roads when completed? Additionally, convergence of air turbulence caused by being situated between Bargo Wind Farm and Rye Park Wind Farm, with such high turbines, will definitely have a significant affect on all living creatures within the area.

Tilt was approached with the question regarding the source of water for this project. They were unable to give an answer. In our dry drought ridden land, where the dams are often empty and our farms are periodically just dust, it seems this company has severely lacked consultation with all involved parties. Additionally, there has been no mention of where the energy will go, once generated.

It is highly insensitive and offensive for the Tilt Rye Park Wind farm newsletter not to acknowledge their Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment in print, and instead require readers to seek it out. Has the importance of the Aboriginal Reserve in that area been considered? What about the impact on their cultural values for that area or the old burial site? The assessment briefly highlights the finding of archaeological artefacts however the Tilt website states '*The ACHA found that for the Modified Project, there would be a moderate level of impact upon the archaeology identified at the site, and in-turn a high level of harm would be placed upon the sites within the impacted areas.*'

It is appalling that there has not been more public discussion about the impact this project will have on their land.

Finally, the project is likely to have detrimental mental health implications on the community. The stress that this intrusion will cause (and has already caused) on families and the beautiful land of

this area is too immense to think about. It is alarming that the NSW government is enabling this company come and barge their way onto and denigrate peoples properties, causing deep disruption in their lives. It seems unlikely that the planners of this scheme have visited each area to be touched by this destructive proposal, nor met the residence and heard their concerns. Big companies may assume country people are not intelligent, but they have worked long and hard on this land and their ideas and contributions to our communities are immense.

I urge you to listen and consider what this community is telling you now.

Kind regards,



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