

Submission – Rye Park Wind Farm

To whom it may concern,

I lodge this submission to express my objection to the Rye Park Wind Farm Project and the subsequent modification application. I make my objection on the grounds that the project will have a devastating impact on the surrounding landscape, biodiversity and communities in the area.

I understand the current urgency to transition from current energy sources to renewable and clean energy. I also recognise the global and environmental impacts of current energy production and that it compromises and even threatens the health and well being of communities and future generations. However, the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm Project, threatens the well being of the communities living in Rye Park and the surrounding areas, threatens the biodiversity and integrity of the landscape and ignores the cultural impact of such degradation on the First Nations People of the region.

The proposed routes of access to the wind farm require major up-grades to roads, bridges and causeways to enable the infrastructure for the wind farm to be transported. The widening of these roads to accommodate heavy vehicles and over dimension vehicles, as the data in the report confirms, will cause significant damage to native vegetation, including threatened ecology.

Alarmingly this level of damage to native vegetation will have a catastrophic effect on the native wild life, including animal habitat destruction. Furthermore, the impact of such ecological destruction will have wide spread consequences for the environmental health of the region and therefore, negatively impacts the social, cultural, and emotion well being of the Indigenous and farming community in the region.

I am not against wind farms, however, I am against the destruction that the Rye Park Wind Farm will impose. Whether or not the geographical position is accessible without causing huge scars on the landscape and permanently destroying native wild life and their habitats, must be considered when determining where a wind farm will be situated. Wind farms do and will continue to be a huge benefit to producing renewable and clean energy in this country however; I urge and implore TILT to apply their expertise in wind farm technologies and instillation in creative and intelligent ways that ensure that clean energy does not equal destruction for the environment or disregard for the well being of the community who will be directly impacted.

Five generations of my family are connected to this community. This is a community that speaks with one voice against this project to protect and preserve the environmental integrity and social cohesion of the Rye Park region.