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RE: Rye Park Wind Farm Mod 1 (SSD-6693 Mod 1) Tip Height Increase

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To Whom it may concern

I currently live in Boorowa however my mother was born in Rye Park and lived on the property known as the Onerwal Local Aboriginal Land Council property on the Dalton Road south of Rye Park, and listed on the maps as Residence R75. We have been there for many generations and my family spend many weekends staying on the land. My mother Elma Pearsall is 99 and still alive and has many memories of her life there but she has never been contacted for information on the land in relation to this project, and neither have I.

My Great Great Grandmother Queen Caroline worked on Emerton, just out of Rye Park, for Hamilton Hume and her history has also been ignored on the Emerton property, now owned by Penny and Tony Bickford.

My concern is that in Annexe C.4 Aboriginal Heritage Items and Map there are no references to our land as being a significant site and it seems the field studies have not been able to find any artefacts, which I find hard to believe. This is in fact a burial ground for my family and am distressed that this has not been recognised. The ashes of my mother's brothers have also been spread on the site. This burial site even has a sign stating it is a burial ground and a professional survey completed recently was able to locate some of these graves.

In Annexe G.6, Page 8 it states that in late 2019 Onerwal LACL were involved in some fieldwork over 8 days which could not have possibly been enough time to find significant artefacts within the footprint of the project, and certainly none seemed to have been found on my family land.

In Annexe G.6, Figure 4-3. the number of AHIMS (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) registered sites is disturbing as I feel these will be disregarded. On your own website under the heading "Search for Aboriginal sites" it states – Before carrying out an activity that will alter the landscape you must think about how it might affect Aboriginal sites. I think you need to take your own advice.

The Rye Park Wind Farm area is well known as being the bordering area for the Onerwal, Wiradjuri and Gundungarra people and was a meeting place for these groups over many centuries, and even in my mothers time other Aboriginal groups passing through would camp in the opposite side of the Blakeny Creek. This creek, due to the availability of full time fresh water was an important part of our culture and again I find it difficult to believe that no artefacts of significance have been found along the creek.

I object to the building of these larger turbines, the disturbance it will be to the local area, and particularly to the lack of communication and the disrespect by Tilt of me, my family and my heritage.

Donna Morgan