

Submission Re: Rye Park Wind Farm Modification

My name is Aleasha Way and I am a landowner at 529 Grassy Creek Road, Rye Park.

I am writing to show my full support for the Tilt Renewables Project Modification.

The increase of height of the turbines to 200 metres has my support for the following reasons:

The potential to generate more renewable electricity from the use of more efficient turbine models and less infrastructure requirements (decrease in turbines for the modified project by 13%) means a more viable project, and increased benefits to energy consumers.

Environmental impact studies have shown that the height increase of the turbines and the rotor swept will not significantly increase the likelihood of blade strike to bird or bat species. Also, there will be no significant increase in impacts to the community such as visual, noise or shadow flicker. The modification of turbine height will also decrease the total amount of turbines needed, which will dramatically reduce the amount of vegetation to be cleared, thus also preserving more wildlife habitat. The involvement of Boorowa Community Landcare Group to help undertake revegetation projects, also means an exciting opportunity for the community to be involved in maintaining a sustainable landscape for future generations.

The Project will also result in a direct injection of approximately \$2-\$3 million per year to the local community through payments to landholders, permanent staff and benefit sharing plan contributions providing better diversification of income and a drought proof and post retirement income for farmers and shared benefits

The Project will make a significant contribution to the shortfall in generation that will arise with the forecast retirement of Liddell Power Station soon and other coal-fired generators over the coming years. The Project will provide full time employment for up to 250 staff during construction and up to 10 ongoing regional jobs during its operational life providing increased employment opportunities.

Tilt Renewables have kept me fully informed of any potential impacts of the proposed changes to the project, including increased noise and shadow flicker study results. I am fully satisfied that the impacts from the proposed changes will be minimal compared with that of the currently approved project.

Professionally I have worked for some years in the area of Conservation and Land Management. I have seen the devastating effects of open cut coal mines and the degradation to the land that they cause, not to mention the air pollution from boiler stacks and water contamination in our beautiful rivers.

I am so very pleased to support and encourage the state and federal focus on delivering renewables and transitioning away from reliance on coal and fossil fuels.

I appreciate your time in considering my submission.

Warm regards,

Aleasha Way