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To whom it may concern,

Re: Bowmans Creek Wind farm Application Number SSD 10315

I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application.

I hereby declare that I object to the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm proposal ID No. 10315

I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years.

I wish to submit my objection to the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm.

I wish to stress the ***visual importance*** of this area when choosing to purchase this beautiful property and building a dream home which is currently only 4 years old.

My house was built to take advantage of the 360 degree views of the beautiful McCullys Gap area and the majestic mountain ranges to the BarringtonTops region that frame a beautiful valley.

The elevation of my house increases the visual impact which is absolutely stunning and the vastness of the mountains is impressive. Natural beauty with spectacular sunrises and sunsets, rainbows, snow capped mountains in winter and the changes of seasons are to die for.

Natural views not of a common nature.

Living in this environment has given myself a strong sense of place.

It is an unacceptable prospect that the proposed wind farm would intrude on this most personal space.

It is unacceptable to contemplate wind turbines on the range that we look at and appreciate every day. It will significantly reduce the enjoyment of arriving home, working and walking around the paddocks enjoying this space with family and friends and relaxing at home.

I chose to live in a rural landscape without wind turbines and the wind turbine proposal is offensive, industrialising this landscape.



Sunrise at from my house will be destroyed by 220m Wind Turbines. Destroying the natural environment.

The proposed wind turbines on the hills would reduce the **property value** of my house and land and therefore never being able to sell, lowering the market price. Real evidence has shown that property values diminish in an area this close to an industrial site Wind Turbine. It is simply unreasonable to ask people to live this close to a structure towering on ridge lines 220m tall. Absolutely disgusting to ask.

Epuron representatives were in agreeance of the beauty of my property and house location when supplying the photomontage even agreeing it was not reasonable to build wind turbines so close which I'm sure will be denied now.

It would be unbearable to witness the clearing of **native vegetation**, increased traffic to the project area and the physical alteration of the hills.

The hills are home to beautiful irreplaceable **flora and fauna**.

Having paid for an independent environmental study prior to moving in on the 15th April 2016 the study found traces of Koala scratchings on trees and vulnerable species of animals. living in the area identified as the Greater Eastern Ranges Initiative - Barrington to Muswellbrook Corridor.

The Greater Eastern Ranges Initiative Conservation corridor is a proposal to link existing conservation areas between Cairns and Melbourne to allow plants and animals to move into new habitats as the continent climates change. Any removal of habitat from these areas may impact on the connectivity of the linkage.

It is a privilege to live in this area which I take seriously.

Threatened and Endangered Ecological Communities, flora and fauna species are recorded or identified as having the potential to occur in the area.

Scientific name	Common Name	TSC Act 1995	EPBC Act 1999
ENDANGERED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES			
	Central Hunter Valley Eucalypt Forest and Woodland	EEC	CE
	Hunter Valley Weeping Myall (<i>Acacia pendula</i>) Woodland	EEC	CE
	Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia	EEC	CE
	White Box Yellow Box Blakelys Red Gum Woodland and derived Grasslands	EEC	CE
FLORA			
<i>Eucalyptus glaucina</i>	Slaty Red Gum	V	
<i>Euphrasia arguta</i>		CE	
<i>Thesium austral</i>	Austral Toad Flax	V	
<i>Adiantum aethiopicum</i>	Common Maiden hair	P	
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i> subsp <i>cunninghamiana</i>	River Oak	P	
<i>Macrozamia spiralis</i>	Zamia Palm	P	
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Litoria booroolongensis</i>	Booroolong Frog	E	EE
REPTILES			
<i>Vermicella annulata</i>	Bandy Bandy	P	
AVIFAUNA			
<i>Anthochaera phrygia</i>	Regents Honey Eater	CE	CE
<i>Grantiella picta</i>	Painted Honey Eater	V	VE
<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Swift Parrot	E	EE
<i>Rostratula australis</i>	Painted Snipe	E	EE
<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	Square-tailed Kite	V,P,3	
MAMMALS			
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Koala	V,P	VE
<i>Chalinolobus dwyeri</i>	Large-eared Pied Bat	V	VE
<i>Dasyurus maculatus</i>	Spotted tailed Quoll	V,P	EE
<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>	Corbens Long eared Bat	V	EE
<i>Potorous tridactylus tridactylus</i>	Long Nosed Potoroo	V	VE
<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	Short-beaked echidna	P	
<i>Vombatus ursinus</i>	Common Wombat	P	
<i>Petrogale penicillata</i>	Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby	E	VE
<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Grey Headed Flying Fox	V	VE

Notes

(V) = Vulnerable Species listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act)

(E) = Endangered Species listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act)

(EEC) = Endangered Ecological Community under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act)

(P) = Protected species under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act)

(CE) = Species listed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act as Critically Endangered

(EE) = Species listed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act as Endangered (EV)

= Species listed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act 1999 as Vulnerable

The noise monitoring tower was built illegally without correct council approval on the ridge lines close to my home collecting data. When asked for a monitoring device to be provided at my premise and at neighbours properties, this request was denied creating a feeling of mistrust with the raw data.

The movement of the turbines where there is now stillness would be annoying and destroy the peace we now have.

Fire safety is of great importance and especially after having the most severe drought of many years surely building a Wind Turbine project with a potential fire risk hazard on a road that is one way in one way out would be a major concern. The turbines cannot be accessed easily due to the terrain or be water bombed as the towers are too tall to fly over. A catastrophic risk to human life. It seems the area and its residents are to just perish.

I do not support the wind turbine proposal and there is no way the proponent can mitigate, offset or compensate me. The impact to myself and my family of this project has created stress, concern and anxiety. This type of proposal is unreasonable so close to residences and needs to be relocated closer to the already industrial area of mines and power stations.

Yours sincerely,

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