

To whom it may concern

I write today to object to the Bowman's Creek windfarm as proposed by Epuron (the Proponent). I strongly request that the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) review the proponents' reports. I am greatly concerned of the affect this windfarm will have on our property, surrounding properties and the endangered fauna and flora in particular, the koala habitat that has been recently sighted along Bowman's Creek.

After attending the exhibition at Hebden Hall and reviewing the plans on display, I have many serious concerns about the project. My objections relate to concerns around disruption and safety in transport, unsuitable site for the turbines, harm to the aesthetics and character of Hebden.

It has been proven that properties resigning in windfarm locations decline in value. I am deeply concerned of the impact that a Windfarm will have on the land value of our property at Lot 35 Scrumlo Road, Hebden (DP 809030).

Aviation safety is a major concern. The Westpac helicopter is frequently being observed using the above flight path to collect patients that are in serious need of medical attention. Many other aviation crafts use the flight path. How will property owners be able to continue the need of flight fertiliser drops to ensure noxious weeds are kept in control?

Is this windfarm really the solution to renewable energy? As of 31 October 2020, more than 2.59 million rooftop solar power systems have been installed across Australia. Contributing to the move to solar has been the various and generous Government Solar Incentives. Millions of Australian Residents are now quietly financing and generating their own electricity and returning even more back into the grid.

Hebden has over twenty-five children travelling by bus to and from school every day. What implications will the Windfarm have on our children's safety? With a number of neighbouring quarries and mines already contributing to an overcrowded road we do not need to include more trucks on our country roads.

I strongly believe that Bowman's Creek is not a suitable site for the turbines. Dust generation will be exacerbated because of the turbulence caused by the wind turbines. There were tests done at Clydsdale's property ten years ago and reports stated from the survey that a windfarm would not be viable in the area. This was due to insufficient wind recordings.

I also object to the aesthetics and character of the Hebden environment if the Windfarm project goes ahead. I am very lucky to be living in this picturesque valley and think of ourselves as being blessed. I have been part of the Hebden community for over 20 years and have fallen in love with the rolling hills, flora and fauna that also call it home. I am seriously concerned of the impact the Windfarm will have on the visual aspects. I will no longer be looking at rolling hills and cattle grazing when I sit on our front verandah, but instead be subjected to the visual metal blades aligning the skyline and humming background noise. And dare I ask what will happen to the newly found Koala colony that have been sited along Bowman's Creek.

Let us not destroy the environment to save the environment!

I hope you will consider my objections to the project and decline the proposed windfarm at Bowman's Creek.

Regards

Tanya Oliver