

The Commissioners
Independent Planning Commission
22nd March 2018.
Boorowa Ex-Services Club

My name is Robin Winterflood.

I wish that I did not have to be writing to you today.

I am only here because in 2011 a group of people in an office in the city of Newcastle decided by looking at a MAP that this area north and south of Kangiara, Mount Buffalo and Mount Joey would be a great place to build a wind farm. Mountains.

They then went about *surreptitiously* working with the people whose land happened to be in that area securing sites for their project.

Community consultation???

After securing agreements with landholders-(some who live on the sites some who don't) it was **TWO YEARS LATER** that NEIGHBOURS were approached only to be told that right at your doorstep there is to be a windfarm.... Hundreds of turbines – all 200 metres tall-aren't you excited!!

NO !!

I would like it known that I am vehemently opposed to the proposed development of the Bango Wind Farm.

Why?

I live on the property Laverstock .

Laverstock is one of the 37 non-associated residences that will be impacted by the development of the Bango Wind Project.

An independent landscape company who the Department of Planning employed and brought out to Laverstock has found that the impact on our homestead and nearby cottage is **HIGH**.

Even our NSW state local member Ms Pru Goward who has visited our property understands and agrees that this project's impact on our lives is immense.

We have never consented either verbally or in writing to the construction of the proposed wind turbines with our neighbours whose country has been chosen as sites for the wind turbines.

Laverstock is and has always been a family owned farming property. It is there that I have lived and worked alongside my husband Andrew for the past 39 years. Together we have worked hard to maintain and develop Laverstock- **OUR HOME**- to both maximize its productive capacity and its capital value.

We too care for the environment. The environment means everything to us. If we don't care for it and nurture it then we can never farm successfully. Taking care of the country is the most important aspect of farming. We too have planted hundreds of native trees in an effort to re-vegetate areas that were over cleared by the previous generations of farmers. We have not finished in any shape or form doing this either. Tree planting and fencing off vulnerable areas of the property along waterways is on-going factor in the management and care of the land that we own and live on.

The area where these turbines will be built are on ridge tops where massive road developments will need to be built into the sides of these hills creating problems with erosion and run-off.

Laverstock and the surrounding area is also a breeding ground for the endangered Superb Parrot.

I understand that a large cluster of proposed wind turbines have been removed north of Kangiara due to the impact the turbines will have on the breeding grounds of the Superb Parrot.

The Superb Parrots flying and breeding south of Kangiara, on our property Laverstock obviously don't count?

Standing here today though I feel that what I have say or do all seems to be in vain.

Why?

I feel that my voice is not and won't be listened to.

Anything I say or do is just a voice in the wind...you hear my voice but what my voice is saying is falling on deaf ears.

I feel that this project has been decided on and all this meeting is for is to tick the boxes.

You can all be satisfied that you have consulted with the 'Community.'

It doesn't seem to matter that we will have to live and work amongst **Seventy-one (71) 200 metre tall concrete towers all situated within a 2- 5km area 24 hours of every day.**

Black Mountain Tower in Canberra isn't even that big and it can be seen clearly from as far away as Yass- over 60 kms away. We will live only 2-7 kilometers from these enormous structures. We will see them.

Where we live and what we live for means nothing.

This is our **LIFE.**

WE HAVE NEVER HAD A CHOICE IN THIS PROPOSAL.

We have been just **TOLD** that that is where the turbines will be situated.

Where we live and where our house is situated looks directly at the proposed turbines.

All we seem to hear is 'We are sorry '

'We understand your situation. '

'We are sorry.'

Andrew & I are very fortunate to live in a lovely homestead surrounded by a beautiful garden.

Our house and garden was first designed in the 1860's and added to in 1929. The present house and garden were architecturally designed by the Sydney firm Green & Scott in the 1920's.. It is one of the districts well- known homesteads and has opened its garden on several occasions to host fund-raising activities for organisations such as the Red Cross, the National Trust, Australian Open Garden to name a few. Then house and garden is specifically designed to maximise the eastern views across the valley towards the hills.

We want it to remain that way.

We don't want to live amongst an industrial landscape but do I have any choice?

Robin Winterflood

Laverstock

Kangiara

27/3/2018

Dear committee members

I am adding some interesting points that came out of the meeting that was held in Boorowa last Thursday 22/3/2018.

* Three of the landholders hosting the proposed wind towers DO NOT live on their properties so don't care what happens to their neighbours.

*The statement 'Drought-proofing their properties' only applies to the hosts of the wind towers. We on Laverstock will still have to work hard and meet budget and market constraints.

*The Tangmangaroo Rd splits our property in half. This is an access road that we use as a corridor to move our stock between paddocks. Having both heavy and light vehicles continuously up and down our road will be both dangerous o both drivers and stock.

*As stated in the Waubra presentation the wind turbines create noise that has been found to cause long term MENTAL and physical damage to residents living near them. We will be surrounded by between 60 - 70 turbines 2- 5 kms away from our residence.

* As raised by the Jupiter Windfarm submission CWP has an option to develop a large-scale solar farm. This would be an option that we would support .

My husband and I implore you to **PLEASE** listen to the residents whose lives and mental wellbeing is going to be severely impacted by the conglomerate affect of these massive 200 meter tall concrete structures .

Yours sincerely

Robin Winterflood