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Hi Anthony

I became aware of some misleading information peddled by Engie in the amended documents they have recently submitted.

I disagree with the following statement in relation to my approved DA for a house on Lot 47: "DAD1 has not been constructed and there is no current indication that it will be constructed (which would require the demolition of the landowner's existing dwelling)."

They said that this information was derived from the Development Consent they have obtained. But then, in the visual assessment for the approved dwelling location on lot 47, they said that the Development Consent was not available to them and therefore they couldn't tell which way the house was oriented. Well, did they obtain it or didn't they?

If they obtained it, they would have known that it does NOT require the demolition of my existing house. My property consists of two lots, lot 46 with the existing house (old soldiers settlement) and lot 47 which always had its own dwelling entitlement.

If they didn't obtain it and needed it for the visual assessment, why didn't they ask?? I could have given them the whole folder. I was there that day when the assessment was being done.

It's unprofessional for the sound consultant Sonus to make guesses and assumptions whether my house will be constructed or not, but I can assure the DPIE that I have not gone through a three year battle to have this house approved and then not construct it. At present I am looking after a frail elderly relative and it would be impossible to begin construction work while I am literally attached to a bed of a sick person.

Once the new house on lot 47 is constructed, I may sell lot 46 with the old house to supplement my retirement. The preservation of access to lot 46 via the Crown road that runs along the ridge is very important, that Crown road is the LEGAL access to both lots. It seems to me that Engie have a different idea for that Crown road, they intend to lock it up and make it a part of the wind farm. I hope this would not be allowed.

Engie is also trying to imply that initially I was participating in the wind farm. This is not the case. Because I have agreed to review the contract, it doesn't mean that I was at peace with this proposal at any stage. If anything, seeing the contract and its conditions helped me to understand the magnitude of the pending disaster and gave me the strength to resist this proposal despite the pressure and bullying.

Engie have pointed out that I have a large property and could have chosen a different site. They don't seem to understand that after living with a 3 km long driveway, accessible by 4x4 only, for 21 years, I would like to be closer to the front gate for a change. I am not getting any younger and cutting trees off a driveway after a windy day or snow is hard work. I would like to remind them that the chosen house site is the THIRD location, because of the war they waged against me, I had to change the location a few times, and in that process to sacrifice THE MOST SPECTACULAR VIEWS a house site could have. If they are not happy with the resulting location, I am more than happy to have the first location back, the one I really wanted and they fought so hard against.

Another big, ugly, noisy issue is the proposed construction site or "compound" which is located between turbines 55 and 56 and only 550 meters from my new house. From that distance I will be able to hear people talking, not to mention the rest of the machinery noise and rock crushing!! The trees that are shielding the view to the compound location at a moment will unfortunately be lost. I am not a fan of clearing, and my property has more trees on it now as compared to how it was 21

years ago when I bought it, but due to the boundary dispute with my neighbour, we'll have to put the fence back on the boundary and a 30 meter clear corridor is required for effective fence. This corridor will remove all trees with only a few individual trunks left standing. I will see straight through to the construction site. But without the clearing, I would be constantly cutting fallen trees and branches of the fence and I doubt that Engie personnel will volunteer for the job. I run bison and they are escape opportunists the minute there is a tree on the fence, and it takes many days of hard work to get them back. Here is the question: would I be allowed to access the wind farm site if my bison have escaped? Can I ride my horse over the project site looking for them?

I really don't see the wind farm as a suitable or friendly neighbour.

And finally, I have NO intention of signing any neighbours agreements or selling my property, ever. This is my home and I have everything here that I want: cool climate, basalt soil, good rainfall, peace and quiet, ultimate privacy, clean air and water, beautiful views and soaring eagles. I'd like it to stay that way. These are my values, not the money. People who don't value money can't be bought.

There are not many places left like this one and there will be even less when wind farms come up everywhere. There will be nowhere left to hide.

I really, really need this project stopped and not left hanging over our heads. It will never be built, it's not commercial. The worst that could happen is if it's partially approved and then on sold again and again. We all would like to put it behind us and get on with our lives.

