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To: <u>IPCN Enquiries Mailbox</u>

Subject: Bango Wind Farm Submissions (Mr John Hann, Mr Paul Forward and Ms Carol Austin)

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Hello

I am a resident of the Rye Park area, with ownership of 3 rural properties in the immediate area of the proposed Bango Wind Farm,

My family and I, moved to this quiet rural area approx 14 years ago, to settle for a nicer country lifestyle, away from the noise and the hustle and bustle of inner city life. With 3 properties in this area, one of which was pencilled in as a host for a single tower before we bought it, we have had absolutely no contact or consultation by any of the wind farm companies in our area,

I have concerns on the impact the wind farms will have on our area,

Firstly my biggest concern is, who be here in 25>30 years when its time to decommission these towers, Already this project, as well as the others in our area have changed hands numerous times, Yes it is stated that the company has to decommission the farm once its run its life cycle, But as stated, with numerous changes of ownership already, who is to say within the last years of its lifespan it is not sold to a shelf company with no intention, or funds, to restore the area to its former glory.

This area is also zoned as "Agricultural Use" only, and no form of industrial enterprise can be formed in this area. There is some very fragile ecosystems in this area, that would be adversely affected by the turbines, and by the cutting of timbers/vegetation for access roads/tracks on very unstable soils prone to erosion.

I have encountered numerous Wedge Tailed Eagles and Superb Parrots breeding in these areas, With nesting Wedge Tailed Eagles on 2 of our properties

A number of turbines have been removed due to environmental and visual impact, but this is not specific to Rye park area, and covers the entire wind farm, with towers being 200 meters tall and on some of our highest peaks in the area, Rye Park will be nestled between some 150 odd turbines of the "Rye Park" wind farm and the "Bango" wind farm and there have been no studies provided on the impact on the many people of a small village living so close to so many turbines, in one area.

Many people that have submitted positive responses in previous wind farm projects in the area, do not even live in the area, with numerous submissions coming from Sydney, Canberra and other areas, where they will in no way be impacted either in a good way or bad by the wind farm and very limited consultation with the communities of Rye Park, Boorowa, Kangiara and Tangmangaroo and the LOCAL residents that will be affected

As stated previously, With 3 properties in this area We have had absolutely no consultation by any Wind Farm companies in our area.

Also, a lot of the positive submissions are from people that are to benefit from the towers, (hosts and some local service providers, mainly fuel and tyre repairers, earth movers etc) with no consideration given to non benefitting residents of the village, The wind farm community contribution funds that are to be hand out as grants to the community is handle by "Hill Tops" council, this council now after Boorowa council amalgamated with Young and Harden covers a very large area, and Rye park is at the very end of that area, So the funds will be spent in other areas, not affected by the towers, and very little will be used/granted to the local Rye Park and other affected areas

I believe the proposed wind farm will make the economic growth of these already struggling areas worse as some families look to move out of the area(some already have), and others shy away from moving to the area due to the wind farms, therefore small schools shut down due to lack of children attending, neighbouring "Rugby" School has just shut this year, With possibilities of Rye Park school closing if we lose any more families from the area

In summary, I believe that the Bango Wind Farm will have a detrimental effect of the local residents with health, environment and economics of the local areas being the major concern, With this i submit that the application for Bango wind farm be denied.

Thanks for your time and understanding

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