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To the Commissioner,

I am a farmer from Rye Park and a strong supporter of wind farms for Australia's future for renewable energy. The Coppabella wind farm will join others across the Southern Tablelands region to secure the region as a very important part of NSW's clean energy industry.

As a farmer, we are directly affected by our unpredictable climate, and having alternate streams of income not related to rainfall is essential to make our business resilient.

The construction of the wind farm at Coppabella, will allow graziers to continue to use their land alongside the new enterprise of harnessing the renewable resource of 'wind'.

The Coppabella wind farm project will increase the economic, environmental and ecological resilience of the farmers in and around the turbines.

Coppabella Wind Farm has an operator, Goldwind, who is committed to the long term prosperity of the community by injecting funds towards community enhancement projects the order of \$290,000 every year. They also have fair neighbourhood agreements with residents who live within 5km of the project.

The Coppabella Wind Farm project has landholders who are supporting the construction of 75 turbines on their properties. These payments to local farmers over the life of the project will mean landholders will have a steady, regular source of income independent of rainfall to 'drought proof' their properties.

This project will employ locals from the community, improve the future for local communities and most importantly mitigate the effects of climate change by producing clean energy.

I can see no other potential developments that would allow this sort of economic benefit to the area, whilst allowing current agricultural operations to continue.

It's a "yes" from me!

Kind Regards  
Linda Cavanagh

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