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To Whom it May Concern

I strongly object to the revised reinstatement of 15 of the 17 wind turbines originally recommended be removed from the HOG WindFarm.

We have three properties in the Isis & Crawney Valley. "Morley Downs" Isis Hills on Green Creek road and Crawney Station which is the head waters of the Isis River.

I desperately request the government not bend to pressure from foreign owned developers and see the reason the 15 wind turbines were deemed non-compliant. There was an enormous amount of work and energy from both the community and the IPC to come to these findings, - It is hard to believe this time and investment can be suddenly changed based on – draft legislation and the project can be assessed on two different guidelines, with the developer choosing which guidelines suit to have the turbines reinstated.

There is a good reason it is unviable – the soft soils and remote location make the costing of turbines unviable. Why should our community have to endure 15 re-instated turbines because the foreign investment company needs to make more to justify the project. The water impact and long term soil degradation will long be seen after this foreign investment group have packed up and gone and we have been in the Valley over 40 years, with our children hoping to continue for another 40 years. I do not want to leave a legacy of an industrial wasteland that has long term impacts to the precious Australian water systems and eco habitat that is unique to this Valley.

Our property Crawney station is directly impacted and I would like to highlight these number of items:

127. Generally, this cluster of dwellings are located south of the project along Timor-Crawney Road are at around 620 to 650 AHD, while dwellings along Mountain View Road (NAD01 and 69) are higher at 720 to 750 AHD. Dwellings in this cluster are north orientated and considered as Level 2 viewpoints, are in areas of moderate to high scenic quality with views of rolling foothills leading up to the east-west ridgeline on which the site is located. Dwellings within 8 km are VIZ2.

128. The placement of turbines extending across the east-west ridgeline between Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve and Crawney Pass National Park vary in elevation from 1,080 AHD at T16 up to 1,410 AHD at T20. The string of turbines would dominate the landscape scenic integrity at two landholdings, being NAD72 and 98 on Crawney Station and NAD69.

129. At NAD72 and 98, as the topography drops away in the direction of the view, vegetation screening would need to be planted in close proximity to the dwelling. Whilst obscuring views of turbines, the screening would also result in the loss of existing views to the ridgeline and reduce sunlight to the properties. The Applicant estimates effective screening could take up to 5 years to establish at NAD73, and up to 10 years at NAD72 and NAD98.

130. For these reasons, the Department considers it is unreasonable to solely rely on vegetation screening for mitigation, and the deletion of T9 to T11 is warranted (see Figure 12 for indicative comparison) as it would materially benefit all three locations. Receiver Turbine(s) and distance within black line (km) VIZ DPHI / ODH Assessment – aligns with visual performance objective? Recommended mitigation, Visual Magnitude, Multiple Wind Turbine Landscape Scenic integrity / Key feature disruption  
NAD72 None, nearest is T9 (3.39) VIZ2 Yes Yes No, turbines dominate the landscape Delete T9 to T11  
NAD98 None, nearest is T9 (3.46) VIZ2 Yes Yes No, turbines dominate the landscape Delete T9

Table 4 – Extract from Table 12 – Timor Crawney Road Cluster of DPHI / OHD Assessment Report 86. DPHI identified five (5) non-associated dwellings (receivers) in the Timor Crawney Valley Cluster. All dwellings are VIZ2.

87. Of the five (5) receivers assessed, the DPHI / OHD assessment determined two (2) aligned with the visual performance objectives.

Thank you for listening and considering this objection, I hope these matters are taken into consideration.

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