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*Thank you for reading my submission. I object to the Spicers Creek Wind farm. I live on a farm within 20km of the proposed site and have several concerns.*

*I know that the IPC is looking just at this proposal, however, the cumulative impact for locals of the CWOREZ cannot be ignored. This impact includes our medical and mental health services, housing, schooling, firefighting and workforce shortages just to name a few. Having been diagnosed with cancer a few years ago, it is very stressful knowing now that seeing my doctor can mean up to a 6-week wait. All our local GP's and hospitals can't cope with the current workloads, what impact will all the people needed to build the REZ have on these services? We are in a housing crisis, many towns within the Central West, such as Wellington, are low socio-economic areas. Local people will be competing for housing with higher paid workers. Locals volunteer to fight fires to protect their properties, they should not be expected to look after all the wind turbines and solar panels as well, especially not knowing what dangerous chemicals could be emitted during a fire. There is a reserve in this section of land, how can any fires be fought from the air with turbines?*

*As a primary producer I am very scared about the future viability of my farm and the impact this will have on my children who want to continue farming. The REZ is already having an impact on our land values, with properties near this project unable to sell, and I fear this will increase. I am extremely concerned about microplastics and Bisphenol A. These pose a devastating problem in the future coming from the eroding of the blades. Add to this the leaching of heavy metals from solar panels into our soil and water. Our water and land are precious and need to be looked after. The IPC has a huge decision to make here as these effects will be long lasting and devastating for agriculture in the decades to come. These concerns weigh heavily on our mental health and are very scary as they directly impact the viability of our farms moving forward.*

*It appears to me that we are replacing one problem with another, trying to fix climate change by destroying this environment. The production and installation of these turbines, the raw materials that need to be mined, the fossil fuel that needs to be burnt to build and install these, and then the energy to dismantle and the land to bury them in is not at all 'green' or 'renewable'. Hearing statements to the effect of 'regional people need to do the heavy lifting for the cities' is an absolute insult and is contemptable. Where in this argument do we talk about changing and reducing what we do. Why are solar panels not on every building in the cities feeding into the grid using existing infrastructure instead of pushing it out hear on to us where there are less people to complain?*

*I fear for our farms for the future and our ability to produce healthy food with good clean soil, air and water. I respectfully ask that you consider all the information from all submissions, as well as possible effects to come in the future.*