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I object to the Spicers creek wind farm. I see this as a major conflict with agriculture, the predominant industry in this area. More and more land is being taken over by renewables, wind and solar, with no regard to the environment. Large areas are being fenced off, forcing native animals out of their habitat. Roads and infrastructure are being built that will contribute to soil and land degradation. Water courses are being altered which will result in erosion and sedimentation. Old trees are being removed to make roadways larger to accommodate blades without hesitation.

The future health of farming land, waterways and the water table are in grave danger from these projects. Not enough is completely understood at present regarding the microplastics from the turbine blades and the impact this will have on soil health and water quality, and in turn human and animal health. Soils in our area are acidic, what will result from the thousands and thousands of galvanized posts that are to be rammed into the ground to support solar panels. These effects will be long lasting and difficult to remediate, just like asbestos.

Our communities are being divided by these installations. Those that want them have little regard for the damage they are causing to those who do not. I live within 10km of the Bodangora turbines. I can see all of them from my property, it is not the view I purchased when I moved here. I am also able to hear them at times. The Spicers creek turbines will be taller so I am sure I will be able to see a lot of them as well. I have heard from neighbors how others have signed agreements that prevent them from discussing this at all, unless to support the project. They signed on very early, with little understanding and were taken advantage of. They now can't get out of agreements and these agreements stay with the land if they decide to sell, that could cause more issues. Neighbor agreements, even ones not signed, are to remain confidential, what does Squadron have to hide? How many of these people would like to object but are not able to, Squadron need to be honest and transparent about this and their agreements.

On a windy day I have seen the Bodangora turbines not turn " my neighbor tracks this information and showed me the AEMO site with the spot price negative, explaining why they were not turned on. Why do we need more if the current ones are not working to capacity. I have also seen the Wellington solar panels face east in the afternoon not generating electricity instead of facing west collecting free energy. This is not about cheap renewable energy; it is about making money at the expense of farmers and the environment.

I have had phone calls asking if I would be interested in having renewables on my land. I have a mining company ringing me every other day for access to my land. This is taking a toll on my mental health. I am concerned for me and my family's future in agriculture. I am afraid of my retirement opportunity as I believe my land will dramatically decrease in value because it is in a REZ or it will be polluted and become unproductive.