

Submission to Planning Assessment Commission regarding the Rye Park Wind Farm

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Australia has an appalling record driving species to extinction. Here we go again. Two birds, a fish and a species of frog, *AND THE LIST GOES ON*

Clearing 600 acres of bushland and grassland where the two endangered species nest and feed, the erosion run-off will soil the creeks and waterways to endanger them even further.

I was brought up in the western part of New South Wales, where if it stood still we knocked it down with the dozer, if it ran away, we shot it. I have learnt from those mistakes. We've been told that we cleared too much country and here we are clearing even more country where these species are on the high risk category.

I would like to know who and what department is going to oversee the strict guidelines that have been put in place because once it becomes a construction site, we, as concerned conservationists, will not be allowed to oversee that they are abiding by the guidelines, and once a hollow tree has been removed, it is too late for the endangered Superb Parrot and endangered Swift Parrot.

The erosion run-off will soil the creeks and waterways so badly that the endangered frogs and Southern Pygmy Perch will not be able to breathe in these waterways.

As I have been in primary production, which is the country's second biggest earner, I know what erosion can do to this fragile land. For example, erosion problems are still very apparent where a natural gas line runs through this country which, by the way, follows the flat areas, not the steep inclines where the roadways powerlines and turbines will be constructed.

As primary producers we were never allowed to clear country or remove trees on an incline greater than 18°, so why are these companies allowed to put construction sites on most of this country that is far greater than an 18° gradient?

~~Finally~~, I want to know why all people that put submissions in, were not advised of this meeting as I know people who put in submissions who have not been notified, therefore how can this be put into reports accurately?

*As far as employment goes, Crookwell, for example, should have zero unemployment and I don't think that is the case. Land values are ~~admitted~~ *implied* to be impacted in Schedule 4, 2(a).*

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I oppose the wind farm as a whole, however,
I support the removal of the 25 turbines
in the North Western + Intermediate precincts,
from the plan.