

Welcome and thank you for allowing me to speak

- I am a third generation grazier in Rye Park. My wife and I have three children. My ancestors have lived in the area since the 1850's.
- I am a potential renewable wind energy turbine host.
- The land that Tilt Renewables are planning to install turbines on was purchased from the crown by my grandfather and handed down through the generations.
- One of the conditions of the purchase from the Crown was to clear the land of trees and establish pastures for grazing.
- Large portions of the land were cleared including the ridge lines that TILT Renewables has sighted for the proposed turbines.
- Pastures and clovers were sown.
- Since establishment of pastures, the ridge lines were found to be unviable for grazing as pastures did not establish well and did not cope with grazing due to the dryer conditions and slate rock outcrops on the ridge lines.
- We have since purchased more arable low lying land on the eastern edge of Rye Park village to try and make the whole farm more viable.
- We have also started two other businesses separate from farming to supplement the family income. Our two eldest children are working off farm and our youngest still at school.
- The income from the hosting of turbines would be a great help in allowing my family to continue farming, replacing degraded fences and resowing pastures across the whole farm, creating more local employment and materials purchased locally.
- I also have plans for environmental projects on the property if the renewable energy project proceeds. Such as planting tree lines and planting perennial pastures. Currently we do not have the time or funds for these environmental projects.
- I would be pleased to see wind turbines go onto these currently unproductive cleared ridge lines to make them a viable part of the farm and enable us to keep the farm for future generations.

- Please consider reinstating the 25 turbines that have been removed from associated properties, due to the visual assessment.
- I have read the assessment and there are no references to how the visual aspect has changed since the land was settled. The visual aspect of ridge lines has already changed since the land was settled. The ridge lines have been cleared of trees, to try and benefit the country. So changing the visual aspect again to benefit the country and the community as a whole is a positive move.

Thank you for your time.