adjacent landholders

My name is Debbie Vanderlaan, I am a resident of Rye Park and I vehemently protest the Rye Park Industrial Turbines.

To get any information about the RPWF one has to go to www.ryeparkwf.com.au. Trust power site has no info and Tilt has no info. Epuron had more than the other two but still nothing to speak of.. I was so lucky to have found this newsletter in my file because it showed me the web address.. I say I was lucky because it is the information we have ever received from Epuron/Trustpower/Tilt. That is the extent of our community consultation and I know I am not the only one who has been disregarded this way. This newsletter was posted to us, So they have our names and address

The reason I was looking at these sites was because I was hoping to find a file on Community Consultation Committee minutes, because I've only ever seen one of those a few years ago.

I know I speak for others when I say we have not been actively engaged in issues concerning us, we do not have a good understanding of what the impacts of these proposals might be and there has been absolutely no particular focus on non wind farm associated community members who live in proximity to the site. (As stated in the Supplementary DGR's which were issued because the community didn't know what was going on) And there has been, essentially, no change since then. The community consultation on this project has been pitiful.

I feel that I am in a position to be judgmental because I am able to make a comparison. We have had to contend with the Bango project as well. The community consult that we have had from CWP Renewables, as much as I hate to say it, has been very good. We have had 3 or 4 visits to our home, phone calls, emails, and anything we ask for eg. photo montage of our property, diagrams etc, doesn't seem to be a problem. Don't misunderstand, we don't want this development either. My point is, the differences between community consultation and no community consultation are glaringly obvious. And Trustpower have not adhered to the DGR's, and even after being prompted by the Supplementary DGR's, they cannot claim to have met the necessary requirements .

any need to be
roads? back to original.
visual - seems to be catchery today.
~~I have to disagree with Mr Prell~~ - that.
the closest wtf is 3kms from closest residence
As I've mentioned, with the RP project and the Bango Project surrounding us, we are in an intolerable situation. According to Epuron the EIS states that "the location and number of turbines were not publicly available during the preparation of this EA". don't know where he gets his facts
And then, "an assessment of potential cumulative impact arising from visual, noise, traffic, ecology and heritage were assessed against the proposed windfarms and were shown to have a minimal to negligible impact".
and I am not speaking of only Rye Park.
The visual impact alone is of very great concern to us, east, west, south west, north east and south east - we will be literally surrounded by turbines, both from our home and all over our property, which is our place of work. Noise from 2 windfarms also seems to be an issue that no one can explain to us. We found a map, asked, and were told "you'll be fine" and were then told "it all depends on the wind".

After reading a Review of the Impact of Wind Farms on Property Values, by Urbis ,commissioned by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, I was not surprised to read that it was their opinion that in Australia, and I quote "windfarms may NOT significantly impact rural properties used for agricultural purposes." I was , however, surprised to see that most of the studies that have shown a negative impact being based in the northern hemisphere in countries where higher population densities and a greater number of traditional and lifestyle properties are affected by windfarms. This is generally contrary to the Australian experience, with most wind farms being located in low population density environments that derive the majority of their value from productive farming purposes. " - 2009
Changes in the circumstances of future windfarm developments that may warrant future additional studies into value change include:

- Development of wind farms near urban centres such as towns and villages, that may have direct impact on the residential amenity of these locations

- A significant increase in the concentration of wind turbines compared to current practice

- Significant changes in the planning approval process or policy settings for wind farms

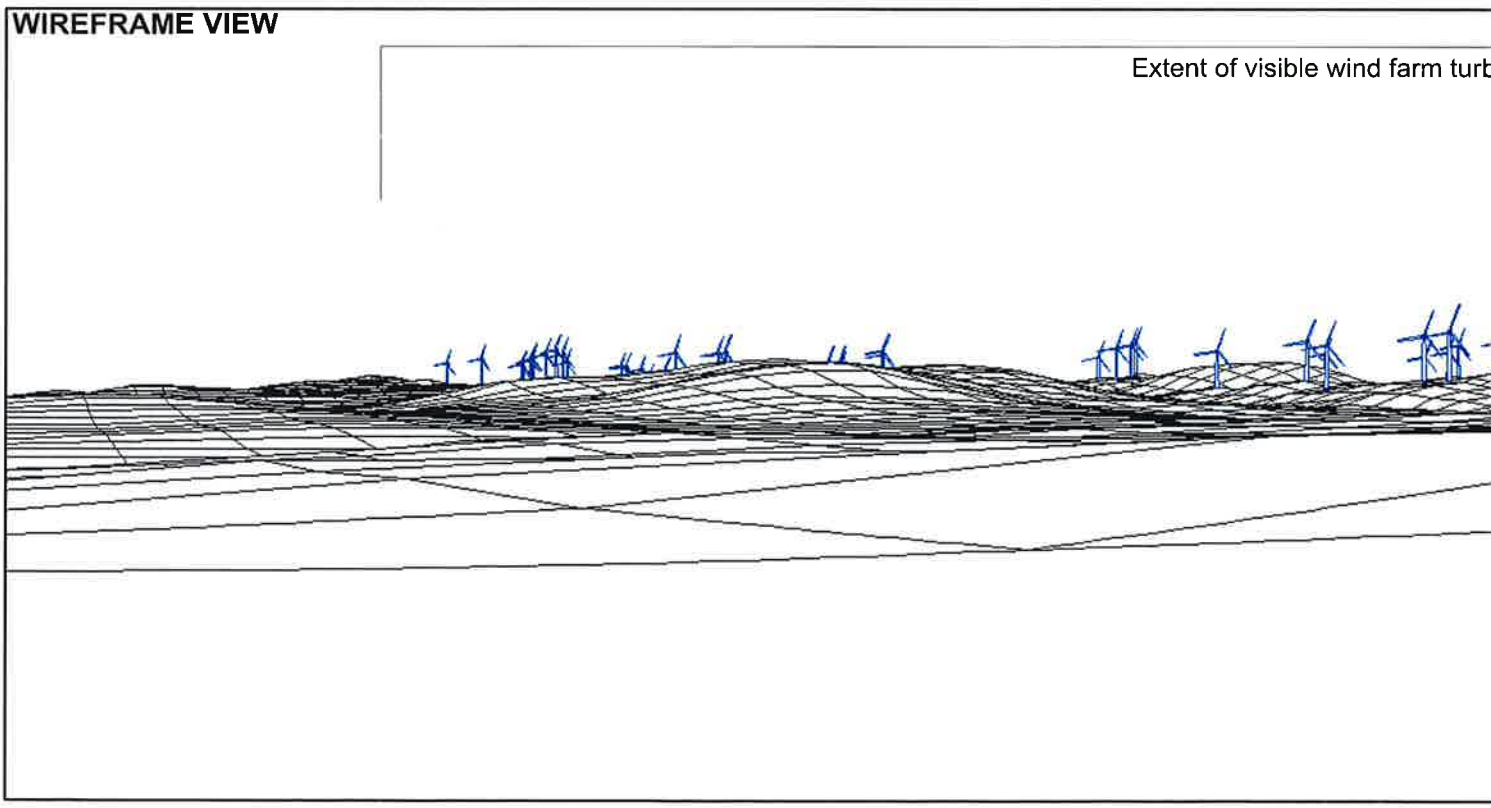
I'd like to stress that Wind Turbine Developments should NEVER be constructed near residential areas. Be they cities, towns, villages or outlying holdings. Rye Park has a Primary School in it's main street, which may only be 1 kilometre long, but there are streets behind and across the road are properties that stretch up into the hills where families have lived for generations. One turbine development is bad enough, but now we have to contend with two. Will there be more? We won't know. We're the last to know. No one as yet knows the impact of the noise, blade flicker, glint, etc of turbines. I would not subject my children to an unknown risk like that. Look at Camden High School. The Government deemed it fit to build a school on. Look at asbestos – the wondrous new product of the 50's.

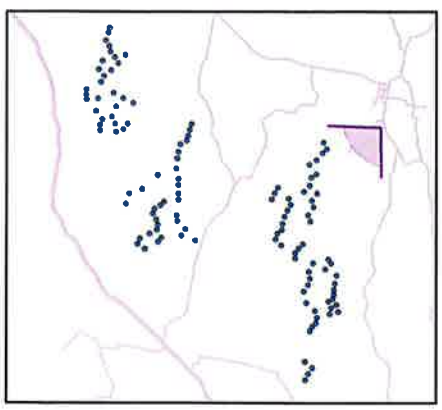
I applaud the Dept of Planning and Environment for making the recommendation to remove the turbines near the village and the ones from Blakeny Creek. However, to remove the turbines from anywhere within a 10km radius of the closest residences would be the ultimate outcome.

In conclusion I'd like to say that the situation we are in at this moment, and the situation the community have been in for the past 6 years, would not be happening if turbines were banned from being built so close to communities. Without exaggeration, people, friends and neighbours who have lived and worked together for a lifetime, who have been through the hardest of times together, always helped each other out and have always been there to lend a hand, have turned against each other. And the saddest thing is....that it's all about money.

PREDICTED VIEW

WIREFRAME VIEW





BANGO WIND FARM: BA

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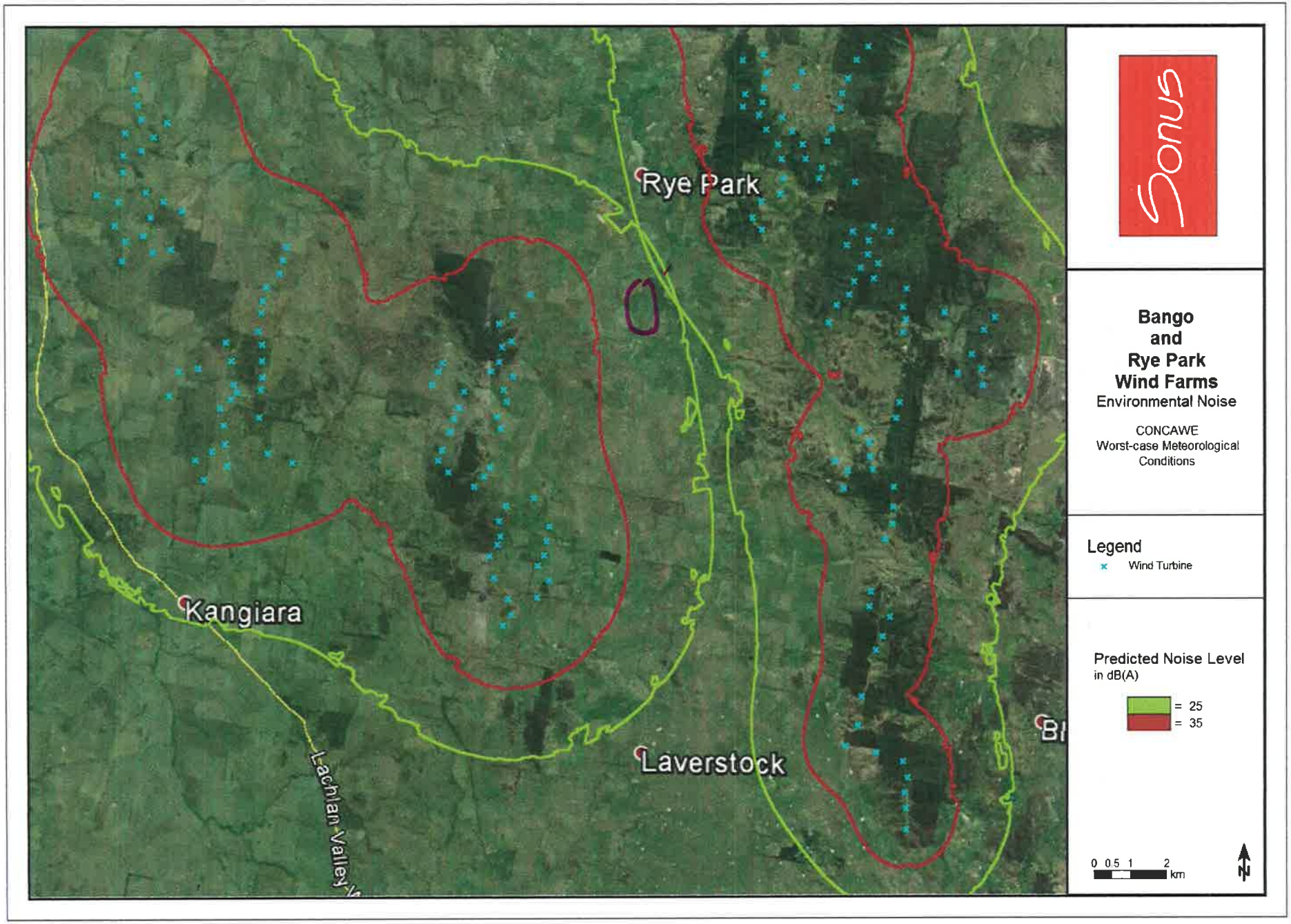
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Wind Turbine
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in dB(A)
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DISCUSSION

The predicted 35 dB(A) contour from the Bango Wind Farm is shown as a red contour on the western side and the 35 dB(A) contour from the Rye Park Wind Farm is shown as a red contour on the eastern side. The 25 dB(A) contours from each of the wind farms are shown as green contours.

The 25 dB(A) contour from the Rye Park Wind Farm does not cross the 35 dB(A) contour from the Bango Wind Farm and therefore the Rye Park Wind Farm will not add to the predicted noise from the Bango Wind Farm inside the 35 dB(A) contour. Therefore a compliant environmental noise assessment for the Bango Wind Farm will not be modified by the noise from the Rye Park Wind Farm.

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