

To the Planning Assessment Commissioners

Re: The Rye Park Wind Farm Development

My name is Doug Wales and I am the proprietor of Boorowa Tyre Service. I appreciate the opportunity to express my view about the Rye Park wind farm to the Commission.

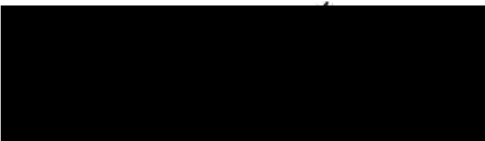
I support the wind farm development. This is not because of what it could do for my business as the direct benefit would only be short term during construction but I do feel that the recent heat-wave conditions and the associated near-blackouts shows that NSW needs to get serious about renewable energy development. The shortage of gas for generating electricity and the age of our coal fired power generation infrastructure has made it imperative that new wind and solar farms are built to alleviate the growing crisis.

It is critical to my business that we have a reliable power supply!

My understanding is that 25 turbines are set to be removed from the project based on visual impacts. Will the wind farm still be viable with a 25% reduction? Can NSW afford to lose the potential power generation of 25 turbines that could power around 30,000 homes?

Wind farms always have a visual effect! This visual effect is totally subjective. Real estate agents are confirming that rather than having a negative impact on selling properties, sales increase because *people like to look at them*. Wind turbines certainly don't spoil the view of struggling farmers that want to host wind turbines so they can achieve some kind of financial security!

Focusing on how wind farms look and ignoring the benefits they can and do bring to regional communities is sending developers to other states, particularly South Australia and Victoria. How will this impact on NSW achieving its 2020 renewable energy target?



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