

I would like to welcome the Commissioners here today.

I was raised in the local area and have lived in Rye Park for the past 22 years with my husband and three children. I have worked several different jobs in Boorowa over the years, but 7 years ago started working with my husband on the farm full time, as his father aged, he needed extra help as we did not have the financial opportunity to pay for a station hand.

Then in 2013 an opportunity arose to purchase the local school bus run, which is ideal for the hours as I can still assist on the farm and the income does supplement the farm income.

With student numbers declining, it is stressful not knowing how much longer the bus run will operate, as we would lose the income and the investment we put in to purchase the run. It would be wonderful to see more families move to Rye Park and utilise the school.

The wind turbines would bring more families into the community as there will be more employment within the area and future generations will be able to stay and work on the land, as their incomes will be more reliable.

As I travel through Rye Park village and surrounds daily and into Boorowa each afternoon, our roads are not the best and everybody complains about the conditions of the roads and I know that all the residents would benefit from the many road and bridge upgrades that this project will convey.

It would be great to see our roads upgraded and I would not have as many stone chips on the bus and at the moment I have to replace the windscreen on the bus yearly. I'm sure the upgrade would also make it safer for everyone.

The community fund would be a great benefit to the local community, as we have many fundraising groups with declining volunteers, the community funds would take a lot of pressure of the volunteers. The major benefit would be to local schools where I believe that 20% of the community fund is to go to local education, this will also contribute to keeping the school viable.

Please consider reinstating the 25 turbines that the Department of Planning and Environment have recommended for removal as it will mean that \$400,000 per annum in payments to hosts will be lost to the farmers of the region and also decreasing the community fund.

As I travel through the area on my bus run, I often look at the hills and yes they are beautiful for several months of the year when they are nice and green, but I consider turbines would only enhance the view even though they will be in the distance.

I look forward to seeing all 109 turbines, including the 16 turbines to the east of the village on the Rye Park Ranges as I am in awe of them, no matter where we travel and see turbines we are just amazed at such a magnificent clean energy producing structure.

I also believe the community funding will only enhance our community.

Thank you for your time and listening to my submission.