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My name is Richard Stapleton and I am a resident of Rye Park.

First I would like to state that I am against the proposed Rye Park Windfarm.

- Around 6 years ago the Government was encouraging decentralisation, particularly in the Bathurst and Yass Valley areas. They were also offering regional relocation allowances. Now look the area of Yass Valley and the number of windfarms which have been constructed. By the way I was not one of those people.
- Visual Impacts - Screening should be able to be done on any part of a property, not just around the house yard. Bringing a screening of trees in to block views of turbines would become more of a fire risk to the house. In our particular case, because of the cumulative effect of both the Rye Park and Bango projects, it would also mean surrounding our house with trees, which would not only take around 8-10 years to reach maturity, but would also then completely block any views we have of our own property and further. Add to this, any plants/trees should be the complete responsibility of the proponent. By this I mean: the planting, care and watering of trees, and also the replacement trees if they die. The owner should NOT have the added responsibility of cost or care of these trees.
- I also feel that the Bango Windfarm should be looked at at the same time as the Rye Park project, because in my case I am concerned about the cumulative effect as I have wind turbines on all bar one side of my property. Does anyone know what all the effects might be of so many turbines surrounding a property?
- Community Enhancement - When this was proposed we were the Boorowa Shire Council. Now this council has amalgamated with Harden and Young and become Hilltops Council. Rye Park is on the furthestmost eastern boundary of Hilltops Council and we now have no assurance of funds reaching this area. So we will get the turbines and the noise and the visual impact and the construction traffic, noise and disruption and may not see benefits.
- Acquisition - I don't believe anyone should be in the position where they have to decide whether or not to live with turbines or sell to the proponents. Obviously they foresee that people on these particular

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properties may be affected. Unfortunately there is not the wide choice of properties which may suit, in this area. Unlike the city, where there are thousands of choices. I don't believe these people should have to pay such a high price when the turbines only have a supposed lifespan of 25 years.

- Waste – 36 (e) “ensure all waste is disposed of at appropriately licensed waste facilities” Rye Park residential tip is a licensed facility but would certainly not cater for waste generated from such a large project. I think there should be a recommendation that the proponents not be allowed to use Rye Park tip.
- Notification of Landowners – 1(b) prior to the commencement of construction the applicant must notify any resident within 4 kilometres of any approved wind turbine of their rights under condition 3 of Schedule 3. I hope that this is dealt with far better than the Community Consultation was.

It's good that the department of planning has recommended stopping the turbines in front of Rye Park Village. But I feel that more should be stopped because there are so many more holdings in the area of Ry Park.

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