

My name is Steve Moss, I live in the village of Rye Park near the southern end of the town (towards Gunning). The elevation of my house is roughly half way between the lowest and highest residences in the village. When I look at these two images showing the view from Kershaw St in the middle of the town, I'd say our view would be very similar.

When I first saw wind turbines many years ago I thought they looked fantastic. Without reservation I felt that they were a welcome addition to the landscape. From my front verandah in Rye Park, where I love to sit as often as I can I look to the East along the whole range of hills where the tops of the turbines will be. I will look at them and think they're fantastic.

Drawing your attention to the two photo-montages, which show how the wind-farm would look from the centre of the village, there is very little difference between the two. The turbines that have been removed from the project are closer and more visible, but the overall view does not seem significantly changed. If there are to be wind turbines there at all, the difference between having slightly more or slightly less does not seem particularly great to me.

However, the true cost of the reduction in numbers could be very significant. By reducing the profitability of the project the subtraction of these 25 turbines may stop the project from going ahead, which would be a tremendous loss to our community. The upgrading of roads and communication infrastructure that would come with the project alone will transform our community for the better and raise property values as well. The prosperity for our village that would follow from the income of the host farms and the community funding would benefit us all and raise property values even more.

Wind Turbines are a part of the landscape in the 21st century, all over the world. In a few years we will hardly even notice them whether we can see them from our own houses or when we travel around. They are a necessity as the world warms from carbon pollution and runs out of fossil fuels. I bet that once the turbines are up and everyone in Rye Park begins to enjoy the wealth, the decent roads, and the decent phone and internet, everyone in the town will think that these big white turbines are quite beautiful.

Thank you.