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To the Planning Assessment Commissioners

I am writing to provide comment on the Department of Planning and Environments assessment report of the Rye Park Wind Farm and its recommendations to the PAC.

(Reference: D455/17 Rye Park Wind Farm).

I am one of the owners of a property that potentially will lose planned wind turbines due to the Department of Planning and Environments recommendation to cut the number of turbines within the proposed wind farm due to aspects around the visual impact and the zoning rules of Rye Park Village.

This visual impact is a subjective view of a small group of people. This should not be held in the same level /regard as a project that will benefit the commonwealth, the State and the local community to a substantially higher level.

I personally like the mesmerizing movement of the blades of wind turbines and also knowing that these low impact energy generators are adding value to society both environmentally and economically.

With the turbines some distance away from the village I fail to see what zoning rules have been used. The turbine nearest to the village is 3.2 kms away, more than enough to mitigate any supposed visual impact on the village.

I am a supporter of this county needing more, not less environmentally friendly infrastructure such as wind turbines or solar panels.

We need, and are accountable for the consequences of this decision.

There for I strongly support the Rye Park Wind farm as it was originally submitted to the Department and strongly recommend that you reinstate the turbines that the Department is suggesting be removed on visual amenity grounds.

Thank you for taking the time to read my written submission.

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