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Hi I'm Matt Bingley, local resident. I am extremely concerned and against the new modifications to the Coppabella Wind Farm.

Firstly I'd like to address my protest to the way money has been thrown about in the community by Goldwind in the form of sponsorships, gifts to schools and farmers etc. during their application of this project but particularly before submissions were closed on the modifications.

I'd liken this to a trial in a court house where one side of the argument is able to <sup>offer</sup> offer gifts to the jury before the decision is made. Absurd right, and <sup>I CANT help</sup> wed all request a retrial, even so the submissions against the modification were substantial, Goldwind then took months and answered these submissions in a very long drawn out carefully thought out way, must be nice to have money and time to quash the little guys to make submissions against look insignificant.

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~~This is chinese influencing an AUSTRALIAN decision.~~

An example of this is relating to land values in the area, the new extremely increased turbine height/blade length will affect land values for the much larger visual effect on the current neighbouring land owner's properties and the many more kilometres of land that will now be visually impacted from the increased size, of

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are getting their money and

course being most of the hosts do not live there  
it ~~and~~ won't bother them.

The Yass area is number one in Australia for people looking for rural properties according to Yass Real Estate Agent, Edwina Brown in an article by Pauline Morrissey dated 20 July 2018. The area around the Coppabella's with its prime location having Hume Hwy access allowing an hour to Canberra and 3 to Sydney and now a thriving boutique village, Jugiong, is a place where people want to live, these modifications will put an end to that. Goldwind in answer to this in submissions has used a Valuer's General study from 2009, HELLO, it's now 2018, nearly 2019 how can this be accepted by the NSW Department of Planning particularly what should be this

population growth area. *Where's the 2018 report on effect of LAND subdivision?*

It's very close to home for me as my parents who are both over 80 have their house directly facing the project with no prospect to screen with the new blade height unless they go total blackout. It's a <sup>subdivided</sup> 40 acres block which is to be sold for their retirement home which value will be destroyed. Who would fight droughts, fires and fluctuating stock prices for years for this to happen and the Goldwind Turbine Company or anyone else should certainly not make it happen.

I live and work around the Coppabella's, who knows what the increased size of these power turbines will have on the health and wellbeing in the community, surely sound, acoustic and infra are to be more with size. The unique way that sound travels in the mountainous area means it could end up all over the place. The increased visual present will and has already put a huge drain on some of the local farmers thinking and having to have to look at a spinning industrial area instead of the calming peace of the superb Coppabella's, it's that serious I believe it will end in tragedy and employ you if this destruction of area is to continue mental health councillors must be deployed in the area for years to come.

The increase in size will no doubt also have a greater effect on our beautiful eagles and other birds that I often see on my day to day activities, they will be missed by me but probably not the blades.

To compound all of this, the new modification wishes to clear a 179.8 hectars of vegetation areas including parts of the nature sensitive Whitefield's Road. This is totally unacceptable, the land destruction will be clearly visible and not a minimal disturbance as previously described, changing the eco system and contributing to long term scaring for generations to come.

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It is so different to the original plans, the only way to view it is as a new project and not as a modification, for if put in initially no one would have approved it.

Thank you, please consider my presentation against these modifications I see no minimisation in this project only a huge escalation, it's often the case, someone's dream is someone else's nightmare.

Hello, my name is Richard Hyles. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation sheep and wool framer and not a public speaker. I feel I need to speak out in regard to the modification Goldwind have put forward relating to the Coppabella Windfarm.

My Family own historic "Canalong" which held the original Berremangra Post Office. WE own "Westbourne" it has great historical significance in our area. Sir Walter merriman gave up parcels of land from "Westbourne" to return Soldiers from WW2. These men and families worked very hard on these properties to make a living. And some of these original families still live on these properties and are here today trying to protect their properties value that their Fathers/grandfathers have fought for in ww2. Westbourne is c13 on department map within 3 km of windfarm Whilst Canalong C20 is described as a non-associated residence. If there are going to be 200 people working up there driving past Canalong each day I feel Canalong will be very associated.

In mid last year Gold Wind were visiting affected land holders offering them neighbour agreements. I feel they were putting pressure on people to sign as they said the project was due to commence in November 2017. So, people signed these agreements thinking they had nothing to lose because the development was going ahead.

Very soon after this Gold Wind applied for a modification to increase the turbine height from 150m to 171m and increase vegetation clearing from 68.3 hectares to 180.9 hectares. Reading a report from

State Significant Development Modification Assessment Oct 2018 it refers to residents being happy with wind farm because they have signed neighbour agreements but as I stated these were signed before Goldwind applied for the Modification.

I would like to present this petition which has over 100 signatures of residence who are against this modification.

Gold Wind has offered to screen affected houses, but all my working day is in the paddock not in the house.

Three of the 11 hosts reside on the Wind Farm and the rest are absentee land holders. It has been quoted to me by 2 of the hosts that they just want the roads not necessarily the turbines.

There is a lot of anger towards the people hosting these turbines which is very sad for a rural community. It has always been a rural country way to help your neighbours, but these turbines have caused a huge division. I was very disappointed to see that no hosts were speaking today I would have liked to have heard their side of the story.

I feel that the building of the turbines on the Coppabella will not save the planet or reduce power bills, I feel it is going to cause unrepairable erosion and turn the Coppabella's into a potential industrial waste land. Gold wind don't even have a power purchase agreement which surprised me the power was going south but with a large solar farm approved near Wagga Goldwind say now power will go to Yass in a new line they think??

There is a large eagle population on the Coppabella's and with the bigger blades, the eagle population will disappear from up there.

Whilst Eagles aren't always a framer's best friend that do serve a significant role in controlling vermin such as rabbits and small foxes. And we all know the damage that rabbits can create if they get out of control.

Other residents and I are concerned about pollution to the Coppabella creek which is essential for our stock water and is also home to large population of gudgen fish. I did here Tom say they were going to use water from farm dams for the project, after this drought not sure how much water is up there now.

I am concerned for myself and other's around with the ongoing reported infrasound issues being raised at other wind farms in and around Victoria. I want my family to always want to come home and continue farming and conserving this area without being forced away due to infrasound issues. I was under the impression that all traffic was to go through Whitefield Rd but after hearing Tom speak the other night, I feel a lot of traffic will pass past our 2 houses on the Berremangra Rd.

One very big issue that I am witnessing first hand is the declined mental health of people in this area. People are very concerned about this development. There is so much publicity about rural mental health and suicide and I think everyone needs to be very mindful of this.

My wife, Steph has created a special space for Wellbeing for Women in our restored Shearers Huts. Women are coming to take time out from their busy lives and some to heal from past traumas. Steph also runs Children's Art Workshops in this space.

We are worried about the noise and the visual aspect and the impact this will have on our business.

I would like to thank the ICP for having a site inspection tomorrow. I feel it is so important for you to see and you will understand the irreparable impact to the environment this development will cause. I have no doubt that our land value will be decreased.

In conclusion, the main points being the environmental impact on the Coppabellas and the mental health issues of residents.

I would like to finish with a quote from the BYLONG Valley Cold mine development which reminds me so much of our area.

"Kepco came in, they divided, conquered and gagged an area and made it an unpleasant place to live".