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IPC – Objection to Bowmans Creek Wind Farm

Meg Robertson, Muscle Creek

This is my objection to the Industrial Development Proposed by Ark Energy on the escarpment behind our home.

During the past 4-5 years our family has been dealing with this long drawn-out process and it has had an effect on our day to day lives in a way nothing has before, making an impact on our mental health each time we have to discuss it.

The worry of our visual amnesty being interrupted, the clear night skies being interrupted continually by night lighting on turbines, the noise that will effect our sleep, also we are shift workers and sleep days and nights, and the many wild animals; Echidna, Eagles, native bird life, goannas and more that will be dislodged from their homes is of great concern to my family and i.

The worry of the unknown health effects from noise, flicker, and the release of chemicals from the leading edges of blades as they wear away is not acceptable to me

In the recommendations on IPC website, in Reports from DEP and O'Hanlan Design Landscape Architects, it has said that our property G17-1 is significantly affected and that turbines need to be removed and screening of others. Screening is impossible, from our home, dining room, kitchen and living room which is 1.3m off the ground, there is no way that a plant screen would ever grow to the height required to remove the sight of turbines from our view.

There are many discrepancies in the documents on DEP website in relation to the distances of turbines from our home and which turbine is the closest to our home. Some say T64 and others 68. There is no evidence of how they have come to the measurement distances that are documented.? Micro siting has and can still alter the distance from our Home and therefore we cant be guaranteed that they wont be in the Visual Influence Zone VIZ1. We insist that the turbines that are documented within 3km of our home be removed from the project or Ark acquire our property for an amount equal to mine acquisition.

Our family has been involved in the Rural Fire Service for over 35 years and have been trained in aerial firefighting, therefore know that there will be restrictions on the flight area for aviation attack.

Our family do not want to live near this Industrial Development due to all the above information.

Please take all my families and my concerns into your consideration of the Development

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