

Bango Wind Farm

I wish to submit my objection to the proposed Bango Wind Farm and in particular to the construction of the 2 turbines with excess noise that will directly affect me at **BAN238** as reported in the assessment report to the Planning Assessment Commission.

The following points are made in response to the Department's assessment report to the Planning Assessment Commission.

STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT Bango Wind Farm (SSD 6686)

5.1 Visual

The turbines are ugly, they are blight on the landscape and they will devalue my property. From my residence they will dominate the skyline and will be visible from every part of the property. The peaceful country views will be permanently ruined by looming huge industrial structures. If I decide to sell my property in the future, the wind turbines will devalue the property and may even prevent people from buying it.

5.2 Noise

Noise can ruin your lifestyle, noise causes psychological issues; sleep deprivation etc. A contested list of other symptoms of noise has been produced by other objectors and scientific studies. Noise and its effects are readily measured. Since the noise has been predicted to be over 35 decibels at my residence, the closest turbines must be removed. When we are working around the property, particularly the northern paddocks, the noise will be even louder than 35 decibels. This is totally unacceptable to expect me to work under these conditions. It also destroys one of the main reasons that we purchased the property for, that being a peaceful rural environment.

Recommendation to Planning Assessment Commission

Bango Wind Farm - Assessment Report - Appendix G - Recommended Conditions Recommendation to Planning states on page 10 that, Operational Noise Criteria – Wind Turbines. The Applicant must ensure that the noise generated by the operation of wind turbines does not exceed the relevant criteria in Table 3 at any non-associated residence.

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Bango Wind Farm RTS - Appendix 3 - Noise Assessment Page 18 states; Based on the predictions, the noise from layout LO1 will comply with the criteria established in accordance with the SA Guidelines with a base level of 35 dB(A), at all non-involved dwellings except at BAN238. To achieve the requirements of the SA Guidelines at BAN238, an agreement with the landholder will need to be established (it is understood that this is currently being negotiated), otherwise the wind farm layout will

need to be modified (removal of the two closest turbines, or relocation of the turbines) such that the predicted noise levels at all non-involved dwellings achieve the established criteria.

These are the guidelines that should be followed. In the case of our residence they are not being followed. The closest turbines to R238 will produce over 35 decibels and therefore should be removed from the project.

I find appalling that the Department, in reporting the 2 turbines near us are over the noise limit, their approach is to control the turbines noise emissions when operating above the acceptable noise level. This approach is unacceptable. These 2 turbines must be removed from the project.

Being the southern most neighbour to the BWF and within 2 kilometers of the turbines and with above level noise emissions, I feel that we are not part of any cluster of residences due to the fact we are the only residence with excess noise emissions from the project. We represent a case where a precedent may be set by allowing the above noise level turbines to be built and operated on this project. This must not happen.

As the only residence (238) to have above the noise level limits and high to medium visual impact I request that our situation is of high priority for the removal of the closest three turbines which are all within 2.3 kilometers of our residence.

Our situation is worse than all other residents who only have the visual aspect to register a complaint about.

The Department appears to argue on behalf of BWF that it has already made significant concessions with the removal of 47 turbines on a macro and micro scale to reduce the visual impacts of the project, including removing 3 turbines in the southern portion of the Mt Buffalo cluster.

These turbine removals were made by BWF due to neighbours exercising their right to object.

Our goal is to use our property to connect remnant stands of native vegetation on ours and neighbouring properties to encourage native species (superb parrot, wedgetail eagles little eagle, brown hawks, bee catchers, honey eaters etc) to thrive. We do not wish to encourage these birds into an area where older trees on hills will be removed and the birds will be endangered by turbines.

Attendees at the Boorowa meeting requested the PAC to visit the affected residents to help push their case against the wind farm.

I am extending the same courtesy for the PAC to visit my residence.

BWF have shown a lack of consultation, have created community disunity and personally have caused a large amount of stress and anxiety over the past 7 years.

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