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**& HAULAGE Pty Ltd**

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**RE: The Crookwell 3 Wind Farm**

To the Independent Planning Commission  
by email: [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)

Commissioners,

Our company would like to make this submission to the DPE recommendation to refuse the Development Application for the Crookwell 3 Wind Farm. It appears to us that DPE have understated the substantial benefit that the proposed wind farm will bring to this region.

We have been involved as subcontractors to the Crookwell 2 Wind Farm where we have received to date over \$2,600,000 from the primary contractor. The work on Crookwell 2 enabled us to employ 15 plus workers during the 18 months of construction. The vast majority of these workers were local people and many of them are still with our company. The work we did on this project under the control of the primary contractor, BMD Constructions Pty Ltd, was a significant enhancement to the stability of our business. This work has not concluded and we are still on the Crookwell 2 site regularly doing remediation and maintenance work. This is a valuable contribution to our business, to our employees and to the local economy. BMD reported that just the civil construction component of Crookwell 2 Wind Farm delivered \$12 million into the local economy and about \$14.5 million to the economy of the Capital region.

We expect Crookwell 3 to be a similar size project to Crookwell 2 and, having made the business relationships we have to date, we are confident we would obtain similar levels of work out of Crookwell 3.

I understand that you must look at impacts vs benefits, but in weighing up the benefits of this project, please properly consider the economic benefits that accrue to local workers in the region. While there may be some immediate neighbours who object to the project, the economic benefits to local workers need to also be considered. Jobs of this scale are not commonplace and they provide a material number of jobs that pump money around businesses throughout the Crookwell and Goulburn economy.

We work across a range of different land zones and we would question the idea that the land on which the Crookwell 3 Wind Farm is proposed should have environmental zoning. It is clearly primarily agricultural land, some of which has been farmed for over 150 years. Having worked across land with the same zoning on Crookwell 2 I can assure you that the level of environmental value that still exists in this land is well maintained by the work we undertake.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Cooper