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1. I'm speaking here today on behalf myself and several affected residents in the Roslyn North Eastern Group to request that the panel upholds the recommendations of the Department of Planning & Environment.
2. The Department's own assessment report enunciates enough supporting argument as to why this particular project should be refused – I don't see a need to rehash that same detail, but – perhaps for a little added perspective, I'll share a few token points.
3. On weekends I often ride my pushbike around a 50km loop from Roslyn, along Roslyn Road to Crookwell Road, then south to Woodhouselee road and back through Woodhouselee to Roslyn. Basically a loop around Crookwell 2 and the proposed Crookwell 3.
4. On every ride, while focussing intently on the crisp air and oncoming vehicles who's drivers are often distracted looking up through their windscreens at the multitude of turbines, I come to the crest of a rise - to a spot which illustrates exactly the fact that this region has reached saturation with wind turbines, a fact highlighted by the Departments own assessment.
5. If you drive 15.3km back along Crookwell road from this very spot, just before the right turn onto Pejar Road, if you can, safely pull over, get out of the car and have a look around....., there is about a 200m break in the row of evergreens on the left side of the road where you can see for many many miles in all directions.
6. There are wind power stations within every vista and on all horizons. Every single horizon.
7. Irrespective of whether you're for or against wind power stations, the fact is that they are well and truly here, and in great numbers.
8. Within that view you will see the cumulative impact of several wind power stations that in total contain 210 turbines.
9. Further, a small gap on the distant southern horizon will soon be filled with another 54 turbines from the Collector wind power station that commenced construction last week, on May 27th.
10. When the also approved Bialla wind power station commences construction, another 31 turbines will bring the total in this immediate region, to 296 turbines, not including Crookwell 3's proposed 23, or 17.
11. The point is there are already way too many. It's manifestly unfair to expect one region to accommodate this much impact, let alone more still, especially in an area that has an environmental zoning.
12. Adrian, as a fellow architect, one who's firm & work I have enormous respect for, Where's the contextural relationship?

13. 296, 40+ storey towers, claiming every otherwise undeveloped horizon. All already approved, under construction, or operational.
14. Is it because the local population is small that the local communities right to a well managed planning environment is not relevant? Or respected?
15. Your firms offices are on a lower level of Seidlers Australia Square. Right over Ryans Bar, a fantastic place. It's a beautiful elegant & iconic building, It's also 170m tall, only 3 or 4 floors taller than each of the 23 turbines proposed for this power station.
16. If you worked on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of one of these turbines, the bottom of the blades would swing below your offices windows, rotate out over 60m to the side of your windows, all the way to the top,
17. Can you imagine, fronting a local or even state planning panel with a plan to build a 48 storey, 157m high building in a local suburban conservation zone with only 2 storey dwellings? Not 23, not 210, just 1. We both know that wouldn't get past the butter paper...
18. And more so, imagine a developer client, writing a letter to the authorised panel 2 days prior to the public meeting, promising to hand over more money, noting that they would really appreciate that the panel disregards the departments assessment & advice because - they've already signed up buyers for most of the apartments! Because that's exactly what the proponent did with their letter to the IPC on June 4, please give that letter the consideration it would get in any other comparable development project.
19. Zada, for comparison, next time you're looking at the new tall buildings up and being constructed around Macquarie Park.. I'd guess you'd agree that some of those new residential buildings adjacent the M2, stand out... The tallest of all those new buildings, is just shy of half the height of one of these proposed turbines.
20. I'm not up here to argue about the need or otherwise for renewable energy, nor the need to reduce emissions. I fervently agree they both have to happen.
21. How much or how fast is now irrelevant around here – this district has done its bit for NSW, Australia and the World.
22. Coupled with the cluster of approved and operational wind power stations about 80km due west of here, near Boorowa, Harden & Yass – containing another 300 turbines - the wider region will have over 610 turbines, and that doesn't include the cluster around Lake George.
23. More importantly the number of homes able to be powered by only the 296 turbines set for this immediate region – is over 330,000. These numbers come from the wind power operators own wind power station websites and press releases – on the approved or built numbers of turbines. 330,000 homes.
24. Add the Boorowa Yass cluster, another 500,000 homes.
25. Add the Lake George cluster, another 140,000 homes.
26. That's a total of over 970,000 homes powered **only**, by the approved or operational wind power stations in this region alone.
27. The 2016 Census notes that there were 2.6m homes in NSW. For arguments sake lets say there are now 2.7m.

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28. Over one third of all NSW homes, according to the wind power lobby, are able to be powered by Wind Power without any more turbines being approved anywhere in NSW.
  29. That's not even considering solar power stations, domestic rooftop solar, snow hydro.....
  30. Adding another 23 (or even 17) turbines to this locality – is not only plainly unfair, it's completely unwarranted.
  
  31. To finish, I would ask the panel members to consider this in the context of the cumulative impact that Crookwell 3 would bring –
  32. imagine Crookwell 2 was a coal fired power station. Some local residents stood to reap enormous financial benefit, others saw great opportunity for jobs and construction work, but a massive groundswell of local opposition didn't want to have anything to do with it and fought for 13 years to try and stop it – but it goes ahead and gets built. Many in the community are divided, some quite bitter. Former friends have fallen out over those who took the money vs those who continued to campaign against it. But it's built and the local community tries to get on.
  33. Then another coal fired power station is proposed nearby..... and another.....
  34. Enough is enough – this region has done enough.
  
  35. After 15 years of constant anxiety and anguish in this community over foreign wind power station developers proposing & developing wind power stations on every ridgeline, turning extended family & neighbours on each other, signing secret deals, fraying the fabric, sowing mistrust – it seems the Department of Planning has finally seen the need to draw a line under the amount of wind power for this area, and full marks to them.
  36. I implore you to uphold the integrity of the Departments long considered assessment. Please don't over rule them.