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Firstly I would like to thank the independent planning commission for the opportunity to speak today.

My husband and I own [REDACTED] which is located at [REDACTED]

My family has lived on [REDACTED] for over 40 years. We have taken over the family property and continue to run a Poll Hereford and Angus Stud.

We have a development application approved to update the existing dwelling (DA 18/2018) which is currently known as R69 for this project.

[REDACTED] is located next door to the proposed Crookwell 3 windfarm and adjacent to the Crookwell 2 Windfarm.

We can now see 5 different windfarms from our property.

We estimate based on Figure ES2 visual impacts on residences pg 7 of the report, using the scale provided, we currently have 24 Turbines within 5 km of the residence on Atholvale, with the Proposed Crookwell 3 Windfarm we would be significantly impacted by what is known as the Eastern Cluster of 17 turbines which would increase this number to approximately 41 turbines within 5 km.

Based on Table 3 of the report there are 296 turbines operational or approved within 30km. We believe we could see up to 245 of these turbines from our property.

The process for the Crookwell 2 and Crookwell 3 windfarms has been extremely stressful for myself and family members over the last 2^{1/2} years.

Since Crookwell 2 windfarm has become operational we now have a much better idea of the true impacts of these developments.

Due to our high elevation at "Atholvale" we have been significantly impacted by the Crookwell 2 windfarm from both a visual and noise standpoint.

The nearest turbine from Crookwell 2 to the residence is 2.1km. We have a number of ageing pine trees that act as a partial visual screen to the residence from the Crookwell 2 turbines, however these trees do not provide any relief from the noise which can be heard when the turbines are operational. The only way I can think of to describe is the constant sound of a vehicle and some days a semi-trailer coming up the driveway. It doesn't seem to matter what direction the wind is coming from the noise can still be heard.

Visually we can still see movement of the blades through the existing vegetation and are also affected by the white lights seen some nights, which we believe to be at the transgrid station and have bought this up with a representative of Global Power Generation.

Another Impact that we have experienced since Crookwell 2 has become operational, is reduced Mobile phone service coverage. Areas of our property and surrounding area that phones previously worked, now have no coverage. For us this is a significant safety concern.

During the Construction phase of Crookwell 2 we also had numerous experiences with erratic and dangerous driving of vehicles associated with the construction of the windfarm whilst travelling the Woodhouselee rd.

I can recall at least 6 instances that we had to pull our vehicles up to stop to avoid collision especially in the area of Pejar Creek bridge.

With the impacts that we have experienced from the Crookwell 2 Windfarm we are extremely concerned with the proposed Crookwell 3 windfarm development as these turbines are a lot closer. We are concerned with the potential noise impact as the nearest turbine will be 1.3km from our current house site and are also concerned with the cumulative noise effect from the additional proposed turbines.

Based on Figure 16 of the report all 17 turbines in the Eastern Cluster would be visible from the dwelling in addition to Crookwell 2 turbines.

Due to the elevation and close proximity to our property and the height of the proposed Crookwell 3 turbines we agree with the Department of Planning that visual screening would not provide a practical or effective option for mitigating the visual impacts of the project. In addition as per the DA for our dwelling we are in a bushfire prone area and vegetation screening would not comply with our conditions of consent for our updated dwelling.

The proposed Northern Access referred to as Bolton's lane has been one of our major concerns in relation to this project. Whilst there is a crown road marked at this point, the current formed road is on our property. It is not currently fenced and poses biosecurity, and safety concerns for our livestock. The proponent has advised us in our most recent meeting that they would not be using this as preferred access to the development. however cannot guarantee that it would not be used as they are unsure that they can get all required components to the site using the Greywood Siding road access point.

We have come to the conclusion that there would be a greater impact on our property than we previously thought. We are very concerned with the Cumulative Visual and Noise Impacts if Crookwell 3 Windfarm was to proceed. We can only just tolerate the impacts of Crookwell 2 and believe that the addition of Crookwell 3 turbines would be unbearable. We are also concerned for the safety of local community and biosecurity risks that may result from this development. We would like to thank the NSW Department of planning for taking the time to meet with us onsite as part of the assessment process and taking our concerns into consideration. We agree with the overall conclusion of the report that the negative impacts of the Crookwell 3 Windfarm outweigh any benefits from the project.