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"The Springs"

Dear Commissioners

Additional notes

In the speaking notes submitted today , we did not feel it appropriate in a public forum to go into details about our concerns . However , we think it is imperative that you are aware of our circumstances regarding the windfarm project.

As we outlined in the speaking notes, we were reluctantly involved as a participant in the Bango windfarm project. Then several months ago we learned that our neighbour [REDACTED] had withdrawn from the project. As said before, the majority of towers which were impacting us were on his property. As he is a good neighbour , we made the decision not to object ,as we were reluctant to affect his income from the wind generators.

As a result of his withdrawal, we withdrew our participation in the windfarm venture as we had never wanted to be involved for the reasons outlined in the speaking notes.

Our information since then has been that the lawyers from [REDACTED] and CWP informed us of this) CWP and [REDACTED] lawyers have been in discussion and seem to be sorting out a special agreement.

We would like to know if what is being determined by them is acceptable to the Commission , whether we are going to be informed , and whether it is ethical if the others in the district are unaware of the changed situation .

We were told many months ago by [REDACTED] that he had offered his property for sale to CWP. We now wonder if CWP have taken this offer up . In discussion with CWP we were informed previously that the substation would be situated

on [REDACTED] property . There has also been some discussion about the possibility of a solar farm in the valley in front of us--approx. half a km from our front verandah.

As you can imagine this is all very concerning for us.

We would like to know if CWP or [REDACTED] are to be our neighbours and how this will fully impact us .

The uncertainty surrounding this issue is unfair and we believe unprofessional and we would appreciate the Commission clarifying the situation for us and everybody.

We have not signed our contact without knowing the full situation. However we are concerned that time is against us and we are the ones that will be most impacted without any recourse.

If it is the case that CWP have bought the property or there is significant change in [REDACTED] arrangement , we would like to reassess our position and we would like the commission to assess the visual impact upon us and then have the opportunity to object to the close wind towers.

We thank you for your consideration

Peter and Morna

[REDACTED]

Good Morning

My name is Morna Whiting and I am speaking on behalf of my family who have a property off Tangmangaroo Road.

I do not want to address any technical or environmental issues but speak purely from the heart.

We have owned our property for over 27 years. We bought a run - down place which needed a great deal of work and we have put our hearts, energy and hard earned money into creating a beautiful and tranquil place.

Our cottage is over 100 years old and we have extended it in keeping with its era. A lovely lush garden has been developed and lovingly tended.

We have bred our own sheep, fixed the gates and fences and improved the land over a couple of decades.

Our property extends along and over the ridge where the wind farm is proposed. We have preserved 150 acres of near pristine bush on the ridge, home to wallabies and tiny wild flowers and orchids.

We have been involved with the proposed windfarm since its inception, as our ridge is highly prized. We have been offered 3 to 5 wind towers on our place and as my husband has said over these past years..... if we are looking at all the other towers , we may as well accept the offer albeit reluctantly!

However, it has never sat comfortably with us. We have never, ever wanted the windfarm proposal to go ahead.

We didn't buy our farm hoping that we could make money from the ridge above us. We bought it to grow super fine wool and to create our little bit of heaven on earth.

There will not be a place on our property that we will not see these huge, huge towers. The homestead is on a hill and from every room we will see these soaring and imposing turbines. Many at only a 2km distance from the house.

It is a travesty that this beautiful, ancient, historic wool growing area will be ruined for future generations by the proposed wind farm. It is hard to comprehend how the company and its staff can inflict this upon us, we who love so dearly, our landscape ...just as it is.

I was deeply disappointed that our area was seen in the assessment as one of no high scenic value..... that is such a subjective opinion and should be no basis for making it of less scenic value!

Our position in the project is particularly unusual and confusing and we are seeking from this Independent Commission, some assistance with our case.

We have gone from being associated with the project to being now, non-associated. When a neighbour to the north of us dropped out of the project about 5 months ago we were delighted, as we were to be highly impacted by the towers on his property, 2km to the north east of our homestead. We immediately notified the staff of Bango

windfarm of our wish to drop out of the project also. We also informed our other neighbours of our intention. As it presently stands we are unaware of any changes to that situation but believe there may have been ongoing negotiations with our neighbour and are concerned the situation may have changed yet again and we will be faced with the impact of 8 towers about 2km away.

We see from the assessment that it appears other residents had their properties assessed for visual impact and we have not, nor were we informed that we were able to do so when we dropped out of the project. When we were participating in the project we did not believe that we had the opportunity to change the positions of the towers.

We now request a visual assessment by an independent assessor as a matter of urgency.

To conclude, I would also like to say that as I contemplate this development and the destruction of the gorgeous vistas of rolling hills and paddocks and the natural beauty of this area, it is like preparing for a death in the family.

Dread is the feeling that sits heavily in my chest.

Morna Whiting

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