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Good Morning to all,

Throughout the process of consent for the Crudine Ridge development, there has been many red flags, too many to mention here. It started with a 50dBa night time noise monitoring at our new house when nobody was in residence.

Then upon complaint to the DPE regarding this, an independent acoustician was engaged to retest our environment. When the report was being tabled, a DPE staff member requested to see it, along with the developer prior to its final draft, so both he and CWP could make changes to better suit the developer.

When the PAC was informed of this collusion, it was not only swept under the carpet, it was buried under the floor boards with a shonky re-display of reports on the PAC website and no forthcoming explanation.

Aarons Pass Road had a clear and concise approval document to show precisely the timber that was to be cleared. CWP and their contractors ignored this document and proceeded with wholesale clearing on both sides of 3km of the road until stopped. I'm good enough to know that 3km on one side equals 6km's on both sides and to achieve the area of 0.366ha that the DPE and CWP claimed to be cleared would mean just 60cm on both sides of the road has been cleared, which makes a mockery of the system.

Upon questioning this area with the DPE, they continually ignored requests on how this figure was achieved and ultimately we were told that no further discussion on this topic would be had. Fantastic transparency. As with the original 50dBa noise report, the cleared area was calculated by a contractor employed by CWP.

How is it possible that the DPE is happy to take CPW's and their employed consultant's word for the level of clearing and associated non-compliance. It would seem that the DPE makes no effort to evaluate non-compliances by developers unless that are pointed out by the public, and even then, the DPE will take the word of the developers own contracted employees when assessing said breaches. This system makes it extremely easy for CWP to arrive at their preferred outcome.

The Opal Tower at Homebush is potentially another example of a developer with no checks and balances in place and doing whatever it wants.

The vast majority of people who are in favour of this road upgrade and project, are in favour due to one form or another of financial gain. I would believe that very few, if any, have read the Environmental Assessment or Consent Conditions involved with this project, which leads me to a submission to this modification from a resident of Sally's Flat that couldn't even put their name to their view.

They state “why are these people against it, they (wind farm opposers) have done all they can to make it difficult for Crudine Ridge Wind Farm and the Aarons Pass upgrade and alienating themselves from this community”. To this, I say “what community?” When I mentioned my health concerns with this project, I was told by an involved landholder that he would “rather drive a Mercedes than ride a push bike”. When people involved in the project made it abundantly clear that their financial gain was much, much more important than the health and welfare of my family, I made a conscious decision to only engage with those people on a need to basis.

I have a long list of both pre and post Crudine Ridge Wind Farm actions where community members have acted in a manner contrary to that of a respectful, caring community, with one individual attempting to intimidate my wife and I when passing in a vehicle. How dare I try and protect my family at the expense of their bank accounts.

The World Health Organisation along Branko Za-Jemsek at Flinders University in South Australia have released studies on the effects of wind farm noise and vibration on brain wave activity and cardiovascular sleep, and its detrimental effect to a great number of people who are subjected to it.

When you take into the account the mistruths and deception by CWP and the lack of transparency and the collusion displayed by the DPE, is it any wonder that I have little faith in any information produced from either, and absolutely no faith that this Government Department will make any effort let alone every effort to protect my family.

CWP claims it made a mistake, out by over 400% on the amount of vegetation clearing on Aarons Pass Road, a mistake? What else are their evaluations out on, and by how much? Because the DPE isn't about to question it. Someone should be holding Developers like CWP to account, however when money is involved the greed overwhelms the process and guidelines. CWP has done this before, their intention was to go as far as they could and then use that to pressure approval of the modification.

So to the person who produced that submission or any others that questions my motives, ask yourselves, is someone else's financial gain more important than the welfare of your family.

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