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I am a non associated landowner with the nearest turbine 3.91km from my home.

Item B7 in the Recommended Conditions of Consent state that the hours of construction activities specified in condition B5, may be varied with the prior written approval of the Planning Secretary.

Given the extensive estimated 42month construction period, we request that the approval of any variation have a maximum of 12 events per 12 month period, to minimise the additional impact to non associated residences and the wider community.

Condition B10 outlines the vibration limits. However this condition has no reporting criteria to the Department and no criteria of who will undertake the measurements.

To reassure the community, we request that the Conditions of Consent include

1. the applicant to advise the Dept, of the methods and equipment used to measure vibration, the qualified professional who will undertake the measurements and evidence of equipment being regularly tested for accuracy.
2. the vibration reports be provided to the Dept each month for oversight
3. that the raw data be publicly available in real time
4. that penalties will apply for exceedences.

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We would like clarification on Condition B18 as to what is acceptable levels of dust, fumes and blast emissions.

What measurements can be applied and what steps can be taken by nearby residents if they are concerned about this? And what steps does the applicant need to take in this situation? We want this clarification expressed through the Conditions of Consent to protect residents and the community.

In general we request items, including but not limited to, monitored lighting, shadow flicker, noise, vibration and environmental matters that:

1. ALL raw monitoring data be available to the public, online in real time.
2. If data loggers become unserviceable, all work is to stop until loggers are repaired.

be included in the conditions of consent.

A number of the recommendations by the Dept refer to a complaints procedure or register.

For example, B13, B38, C1 and C15.

There may be numerous instances where a complaint could be made covering a wide range of construction or operational activities.

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We request a clear complaint procedure be created, and that as a part of the conditions of consent, a regular report of the complaints and their resolution be available for public viewing and supplied to the Department for oversight.

We request that the Conditions of Consent include that in the case of multiple complaints on similar topics in a 6 month timeframe, that this triggers an automatic investigation by the Dept, to prevent a systemic failure of the procedure.

Likewise Conditions C10 and 11 refer to incident notification. We request that the Recommended Conditions be amended to state that incident logs and reports as supplied to the Department (outlined in Appendix 8), also be made available to the public.

Condition B61 outlines the decommissioning requirements after conclusion of operations. The aim of decommissioning is to remove all infrastructure so the land can once again be used for agricultural purposes. As such we request changes to the recommendations in Table 3, Rehabilitation Objectives:

We request "Above ground wind turbine infrastructure (excluding wind turbine pads): to be decommissioned and removed, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise" to be amended simply "to be decommissioned and removed."

There is no reason for the wind turbine infrastructure to be left in situ if the operations of the facility have ceased. Any potential for the turbines to remain in place, if the development is no longer operating will be an ongoing negative impact to the community, extending past the life of the project.

Also in this table it states "Wind Turbine Pads: To be covered with soil and/or rock and revegetated" We request this be changed "To be covered with a minimum of 1m of TOP SOIL and revegetated".

As farmers we are aware that all soil is not the same, soil taken from a depth and / or rock will take decades to show reasonable growth.

Changing this to topsoil to a 1000mm depth will ensure the vast size of the turbine pads will at least produce herbage for livestock even though they will never grow a tree again.

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Whilst Recommended Condition C9 requires the applicant to provide final layout plans, the community is concerned about the safety of the structures/infrastructure and the lack of physical oversight, that appears to be required prior to the project becoming operational.

We request an additional condition of consent be applied that include site inspections from either Department Engineers (if available), or if not, by Shire Engineers, to sign off on the project before operations commence.

Condition C14 refers to independent environmental audits - we would like to request that, as a condition of consent, these independent environmental audits be made available to the public within 1 month of completion and to include the raw data. This will keep the community informed and encourage the applicant to comply to the environmental conditions.

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There are many other items I could detail, but given my 5 minute limit I will also be making a written submission, thank you

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