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To: New South Wales Independent Planning Commission

Re: Letter of Support for Spicers Creek Wind Farm (SSD-41134610)

My husband and I were the first potential hosts approached by CWP (now Squadron Energy) back in November, 2019. Initially we were unsure of the potential impacts of hosting wind turbines. We undertook some research and asked questions of the proponents. We discussed the potential project with our neighbours, who were all supportive of it progressing.

At every step of the way, Squadron Energy have demonstrated to us their willingness to be flexible and transparent throughout the negotiation process. If the project proceeds, we will be hosting a number of turbines on our property, and now, have no hesitation in doing so.

Squadron Energy's engagement with us has at all times been professional and all our issues have been addressed, to the extent they arranged a tour of the Crudine Wind Farm so we could assess the scale and impacts of the turbines. It left us reassured that the impacts to our property, biodiversity, stock and infrastructure would be minimal.

We especially support the development application, not just because of the benefits it will bring to our cashflow, but more broadly to the local and wider community. Already Squadron Energy are working to improve the communications network in the community which will provide many producers with access to better technology applications and subsequent productivity benefits.

The Voluntary Planning Agreement with the local Council should also seek to assist with ongoing local road maintenance.

Many local not-for-profit organisations have also been the recipients of sponsorship from Squadron Energy and this cash boost also injected enthusiasm and energy into many of the groups.

I attended the public meeting at Dunedoo, 29 August, 2024 and heard people speak about their concerns for the impacts of the project. Initially we had some of these concerns also, and when we questioned Squadron Energy, the responses were convincing that key issues such as biosecurity, protection of native vegetation including (Grassy Box Woodlands), blade erosion and fire risk had all been thoroughly considered and steps undertaken at all stages to mitigate risks.

Squadron Energy have demonstrated through their established and under-construction projects their strong commitment to a social licence with communities. We are looking forward to continue working with Squadron Energy on the Spicers Creek Windfarm Project, and are excited to be a part of it.

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