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Yours faithfully, Louise Dortins 2193

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2016 1:59 PM
To: DPE PS Wind Energy Mailbox
Subject: Ms Diana E Palmer

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In fact when driving through Europe and Britain, the sight of many acres of wind farms is awe-inspiring, comforting travelers and residents with the knowledge that this clean energy producer is at work, with nature, for humans.

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Since I was born in Denmark, a land of many windmills, both on land and out to sea, I support the above point that a view of windmills is far better and calming for the soul than coal fired power stations.

Yours faithfully, {Mette} {McAndrew} {2577}

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Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2016 2:32 PM
To: DPE PS Wind Energy Mailbox
Subject: New Wind Energy Planning Framework

Dear Sir/Madam,

One of our now defunct Federal MPs famously said that the wind turbines on the way to Canberra were ugly and unattractive. I completely disagree with that opinion and they are certainly much more elegant than the scar that mining leaves on the landscape.

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To: DPE PS Wind Energy Mailbox
Subject: Heather Dunn

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I support the provision of greater certainty and guidance on the assessment of wind energy projects in NSW.

At this point of climate research, it is clear that we urgently need improved action in NSW to change from fossil fuels and to give encouragement to increased investment in renewable energy such as solar and wind.

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There are a number of positive aspects to the new Framework including an increased emphasis on community engagement and consultation; a shift away from arbitrary, strict buffer zones; and confirmation that wind turbines do not cause adverse impacts on health. I have seen cattle lying and grazing beside wind turbines and am sure they would instinctively move if there was any threat to health.

The new Framework emphasises the visual impacts of wind turbines-on whom? I have observed huge numbers of wind turbines on the Victorian coast. I found these to be far more visually acceptable than the monstrous intrusion on the eye of open cut mines in the Hunter Valley, and the overwhelming ugliness of the coal loaders' stockpiles at the Port of Newcastle.

The coal industry includes noise pollution from screeching heavily laden trains, and dust caused by lack of proper control and covering, regardless of health effects.

Investors in wind power energy need a level playing field, and to be seen for the advantages now and in the future to enhance the economic base of NSW, not discouragement or deterrents.

I strongly urge the NSW government to ensure its new Framework promotes investment in wind energy here in NSW and is finalised in a timely manner.

Yours faithfully, Heather Dunn, Lake Macquarie 2289

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Subject: Wind Energy For Our Future

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Wherever we live on earth this decision affects us.

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Submission to Wind Energy Framework

I would like to begin by saying that having Guidelines such as these should make it much clearer to the Proponents, Landholder Hosts, Local Community and Opponents to Development about what is allowed or not. There will still be debate, but these Guidelines should reduce a lot of the unknowns and the arguments.

From my experience with the Rye Park Windfarm Project, it has taken far too long to get to the approval stage or otherwise of the Project. This delay has increased the angst in the community, people who are wanting to get involved by providing services such as catering, accommodation, contracting jobs, etc, have lost interest or moved on as they cannot have confidence in whether the Project will happen or not. I know of at least one person who took the risk and bought machinery with the intention of getting work on the Project who has now had to sell the equipment and now works for other businesses. Others in the Community don't have an opinion either way but are not game to even talk about a proposed Project due to the abuse and negative reactions they get to any discussions. The process needs to be made clear, and streamlined compared to what has occurred in our situation. Certainty in the process needs to be given.

I raised this issue at the Forum in Yass, however I want to bring more detail to my concerns regarding Community Consultation Committees (CCC). In the Rye Park Windfarm situation, this Committee has never been Consultative with the community or the proponents, but has been obstructionist in nature. There has never been any input by the general community on who should be on that CCC. Many on it are blatantly opposed to the Project, do not report or consult with anyone who is not of their view, and every CCC meeting just becomes a list of objections, rather than trying to work through the issues. Even the landholder host members of the CCC do not seem to consult or report to the community. I think before a CCC is appointed a lot of thought and research needs to be done to find people who are community minded, can be objective enough to be able to see and work with people from both sides of an argument and have mechanisms to report to the community on what is happening in regards to the Project.

There does not seem to be enough emphasis in the Guidelines on the economic and social benefits of a Project. The jobs, income, community enhancement funds, infrastructure improvement, etc can have huge benefits to a local community, especially when many of the Projects are situated in relatively small and even isolated communities.

There has been quite a discussion about the negative impacts on land prices of a Project. I would argue that the risks are actually higher for land prices to increase dramatically together with Council Rates. With extra income, especially on land that traditionally has been lower in primary production due to it being poor soiled ridgelines, combined with extra jobs, extra demand for land, improved roads and infrastructure will all put upward pressure on land prices. In my opinion, the negative talk has often been by people who want land prices to fall so they can buy more!

Visual Impact: I know beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and how can you objectively measure a visual impact. The two measurements provided are a good attempt to do that, and at least give a way of making decisions in that regards. There was some discussion at the Yass Forum about the issue of turbines on ridgelines and therefore they are more prominent. I don't agree that a 170 metre turbine on a ridgeline that is 200 metres higher than a house is effectively 370 metres high and that is the measurement that should be used to determine a suitable distance from the house for turbine siting. The ridgeline was there before any turbine was erected, the effective size of the turbine remains the same whether on a ridgeline or even in a situation below a house. In many situations only a proportion of a turbine can be seen, such as just over a hill, in those situations only the part of the turbine that can be seen should be used to determine siting distance from the house. If half a 170 metre turbine can be seen, then 85 metres should be the turbine height used.

Bushfire Risk: There is no doubt that during construction fire ignition risk is raised due to human activity such as vehicles, welding, smoking, electrical sparks, etc. This will need to be managed as part of a risk management plan between the Proponents and the local RFS brigades. Once the Windfarm is constructed there are positives and negatives on bushfire risk and suppression. The risks remain the same as previously stated but at a much lower level with the addition of a turbine catching fire, which is a remote but possible situation. The benefits are better access to what was previously difficult country to access, the roads and tracks being used as fire breaks during low intensity fires, potentially more personnel being available for firefighting efforts and improved communications infrastructure. The debate about the effect on aerial firefighting will continue because it is all about hypotheticals. As a Group Captain with the RFS, we have a number of strategies we can use but the actual tactics we use on a fire will vary depending on a whole lot of variables. To say we won't ever be able to use aerial firefighting tactics is absurd. This will depend on wind speed and direction, pilot experience and aircraft availability, flammable fuel loading and dryness, time and location of ignition, the number and experience of ground crews, earthmoving equipment available and on scene, and the list goes on. Overseas experience shows that aircraft can be used for firefighting efforts in and around wind turbines and there is nothing to indicate that this won't be the case in Australia.

In conclusion, I want to thank the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for putting together this Wind Energy Framework. It is very much needed to improve the process by which Wind Farm Projects are designed and approved.

Regards,

Andrew Southwell

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