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From: Tim Macnamara [mailto:T.Macnamara@wellard.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 31 December 2010 10:15 AM
To: Stephen Gash
Cc: council; Daniel Hester
Subject: ICR2649 - Proposed Flat Rocks Windfarm

I apologise for the lateness of the below as for some reason on 20 Dec, this email did not send and found in Drafts.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express our thoughts in regard to the Proposed Flat Rocks Windfarm Application, after consideration and past knowledge sourced, our concerns relate to:

- The negative impact on land values within the region
- The noise impact to local residents and inhabitants (whilst further study is to be completed, the commitment to not exceed MAXIMUM noise levels seems excessive, and makes reference to the fact that the noise levels is significant. A commitment to minimum noise levels preferable)
- The aesthetic visual nature of the infrastructure
- The establishment of infrastructures and the dangers to our community
- The impact on existing infrastructure being able to cater for the establishment of infrastructure, ie. roadways
- The potential impact on suppliers required for normal farming practices, ie. aerial spraying, this could dramatically impact the earning income of farmers relative to the high rainfall zone of the shire
- Make good commitments if decommissioned
- Potential impact on telecommunication, ie. mobile coverage, UHF and VHF frequencies, repeater stations, GPS units, digital TV, etc. Any impact to telecommunications will dramatically impact the farming business. Australia is regarded as a world leader in technological advancements (GPS, variable rate technology, etc.) to increase efficiencies at the farm gate, we cannot go backward.

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Notation is made to no turbine to cause unacceptable interference, unacceptable is far too broad and concerning.

- The potential for non-adherence to OH & S issues, considering the farming need to maximise profits and productivity from all land available
- The potential negative impact on Animal Welfare
- Communication sourced within the energy sector queries the actual commercial benefit of a wind farm within the shire location

Whilst we support R & D in regard to renewable energies, the proposed wind farm, we believe does not provide commercial and environmental benefits to the local community. Much further R & D is required and it seems that some of the above noted impacts are seeking to achieve the upper limits of those impacts.

Within our enquiries as to the viability of wind farms within the Australia, many related parties advised of less than forecasted benefits of such business ventures and therefore believe the location and long term sustainability created serious doubt as the commercial viability of such business ventures, and in this case the Kojonup location.

We look forward to further information, being a large land owner within the shire and more specifically the proposed locations of the 74 wind farms, the impact to us, we and others feel is significant.

Wishing you all a very merry xmas and new year.

Kind regards

Tim

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