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Dear Jill , Steve and shire council members,

Please find enclosed a letter regarding the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm. The letter has been signed by those who would be close neighbours to the proposed wind farm and most impacted by it.

We have many reasons to be opposed to such a development . We feel that the time frame to send in submissions was very short given that it was at such a busy time of year with harvest, Christmas and holidays.

It was seen to be unfair to have to present submissions given that the Flat Rocks Wind Farm application was itself incomplete .

There appears to be widespread ignorance in the community of the proposed development of a wind farm with many claiming not to even know there *was* an application for such. This is of concern as discussion cannot take place without people being in possession of credible information regarding such a development including issues which will impact on the community at large.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

Helen Bignell

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19 Keith Bignell
 20 MERLE BIGNELL
 21 MARK & LISA TAYLOR
 22 WAYNE ROBINSON
 23 JEAN ROBINSON

We the under-signed :

- ① Paul Bignell
- 2 IAN PALMER
- 3 DAVID KINSEY
- 4 CRAIG REAVIS
- 5 MELANIE JOURNALS
- 6 SUE PALMER
- 7 Graham Blacklock
- 8 LYNETTE MATHWIN
- 9 Brendon Palmer
- 10 ALAN GOODALL
- 11 DAVID MATHWIN
- 12 EWO'NEILL
- 13 ROSLYN COLLINS
- 14 A Woithe
- 15 ROGER BINNEY
- 16 MICHAEL COLLINS
- 17 MAKEE BINNEY
- 18 Helen Bignell

as close neighbours to the proposed Flat Rocks Wind Farm are **ALL opposed** to such a development. This is due to the many concerns we have regarding wind farms.

Issues include

- Health : Health issues caused by blade flicker and infra-sound (the low frequency sound produced by wind turbines, which easily travels through walls and into the human body) include :sleep disturbance, mental issues, balance problems, headaches, possible flare-up of epilepsy .
 These effects can be felt both in the house and in the paddocks - work environments for farmers and their families.
- . An interesting video worth watching can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/02/19/2825235.htm>
- Visual amenity – at a height of 146ms turbines are **not** a tourist park. Wind farms are an industrial and commercial installation.
- Land values – several families have sold farms in other states due to proximity of a wind farm and associated problems.
- Farming pursuits – crop dusting planes, aerial urea spreading can be affected. Chemical drift from conventional application of boom sprays could be affected by changing wind patterns and turbulence caused by wind turbines, especially as the proposed turbines are so large.
- Electromagnetic interference – wind farm owners acknowledge that turbines can cause interference to TV reception, radio, GPS, microwave links, 2-way radio systems including bushfire radios
- Fauna – Bats and Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (a threatened species of bird) are known to live in the proposed wind farm zone

- The haste to commit to wind energy created by the Renewable Energy Target will stifle further development of other/more appropriate forms of renewable energy such as biomass, thermal, solar, wave technologies.
- A buffer zone of at least 2 km from wind turbines is increasingly being acknowledged, even by those in the wind power business, as the minimum required to have lesser impact on neighbours. This distance is from smaller turbines than those proposed by the Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

There is a place for wind power possibly on large single-owned holdings or in sparsely populated areas.

To site a wind farm where there are more than 30 inhabited dwellings in the close vicinity would seem to run counter to good policy.

Wind farms are divisive in most communities where they are set up. As one energy CEO said

'Wind farms do not make good neighbours'.

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