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"Starhaven"
PO Box 52
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1st February 2011

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Moonies Hill proposal to develop a wind farm in Kojonup.

We are extremely concerned about the development of a windfarm in Kojonup, and believe this is not in the best interest of this community. The factors which need to be addressed include:

1. There are known health risks, eg noise and flickering of light. One of the proposed sites where 8 or more turbines will be erected over 140 m high, is no more than 800 m from a dwelling, 28 houses are within 2 kms of the turbines, and there are known health issues for those living within a 4.6 km range.
2. There will still be a need for a base load power station burning coal constantly, waiting to pick up the load when the wind fails.
3. Potentially this could precede the construction of another wind farm within the district, further exacerbating the extreme concern of many residents in our community.
4. Other countries in the world are now realising they are not as efficient as originally thought and are looking to alternatives. Why don't we learn from their experiences?
5. There has been no public consultation with the community, until the last couple of months, in spite of Moonies Hill indicating in their original submission, that they had good community support.
6. The address given for any correspondence is an empty 'lot' of land. How do the legalities stand with this?
7. It is unethical for a private enterprise to attract government funds, eg Royalty for Regions grant, for a project which benefits the share holders of the project, and does not benefit the wider community, especially when it is detrimental to those around.
8. The presence of the turbines will prevent the use of air craft for spraying and fertilising of crops and pastures in the immediate and neighbouring location.
9. They interfere with radio communication.
10. Visual pollution for many kms around, including the Kojonup townsite.
11. The potential negative impact upon birds in the locality. There are species within the immediate location designated for these turbines which are under threat of extinction.

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The Kojonup community is renowned for being cohesive. Our community spirit has always been very evident in the way in which support and consideration is so often shown to ones neighbours in time of need. Unfortunately this proposal is very divisive. A few investors will benefit and the general community will pay the cost.

Thank you for your consideration of these factors.

Yours sincerely

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