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INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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Dear Sir

We wish to pass on our concerns on wind farms.

The residents of the small historical village of Wellingrove via Glen Innes NSW are currently being traumatised by the prospect of the Sapphire wind farm. The village is just out of the two kilometre zone however, twenty plus towers will be visible from the village. The impact on the residents will be intolerable. Noise, flicker, visibility and the social impact will put an end to further development of the region to say nothing of the effect on health and lifestyle.

The government must put in place a law to stop construction of wind towers that have an effect on neighbouring property and a two kilometre zone is of little consequence when the towers are 155 meters high and positioned on ridges. With the number of suitable sites in our country for wind farms it would only seem reasonable to include humans when environmental studies take place.

We would appreciate the government considering putting laws in place to stop the development of wind farms that have an adverse effect on people as well as flora and fauna.

Yours sincerely

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