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## INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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I object to the proposed wind farms for Scone.

Where do people get off destroying more of our nature? Don't people even realise that these things are not energy efficient. They have put wind turbines all over the world and the facts are there to see, they don't work. They are still building coal power plants to supply power. These wind turbines are not better than coal power plants, they are just as bad or maybe even worse. They will never replace coal power stations. But if they have to put them somewhere, why can't they put them where they have already destroyed Mother Nature's beauty? Put them down around the mines in Muswellbrook or Singleton, close to the power stations. Do people know when they breakdown they are left to rot. There has to be a better answer for our power needs. Something that doesn't destroy landscapes, majestic bird and peoples lives.

Living in the upper hunter valley for the past 38yrs, I have seen much of our landscape destroyed by money hungry people and companies after a quick easy dollar and now their doing it again. By proposing to build these wind farms on a pristine and beautiful nature corridor. These proposed areas have taken millions of years to grow and sculpt. What gives these people the right to destroy? They say they are Green, but how can they be when they destroy such beauty?

My parents, sisters and I moved into our newly built family home at 280 Thompsons Creek road, Scone on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1983. A property my parents had purchased a few years earlier. A place they had dreamt of owning to give their family somewhere to treasure all their lives. No matter how old or where our paths have lead us 3 girls we have always known it as a place we can call home. A place our friends and now our own families have been welcomed with open arms. Just to drive up the road and look at the beauty of the mountains, the Wedge Tails circling is so magical and peaceful. They are now threatening to destroy all of this.

My parents and neighbours have been fighting this proposal for around 2yrs; they are being plagued with stress and worry that their homes will never be the same again. They are heart broken that no one understands what they will loose, what this country will loose if this proposed wind farm goes ahead.

You can't put a price on:

- Home (not a house, home)
- memories
- life style
- atmosphere
- peace and quite
- the beauty of nature
- watching stock graze
- seeing the Wedge Tails Circling
- looking at the smiles on children's faces as they look in ore at the Satin Bower Birds nests

Please reconsider what will be lost forever and never replaced, stop this before it's too late. Is this going to be another thing like The Stolen Generation? That in 50 or 100yrs the government will be saying sorry for destroying our country and peoples lives. There has to be a better way.

Yours sincerely

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