

Supplementary  
Submission  
No 38a

## **INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS**

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### **Letter 3**

**Keith Thompson,**

13<sup>th</sup> August 2009,

The Director,  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5,  
Parliament House,  
Sydney. NSW. 2000.

Dear Director,

#### **Reference; Inquiry into Rural Wind Farms.**

In your examination of the Proponents in future Wind Farm Developments I think to be accurate should be a requirement. I point out that we have been involved with the Kyoto Industrial Energy Park for over 3 years (the first visit to our home was May 2006) and even from that first visit I asked for minutes to be recorded and then sent to us when typed up. But even three years later we haven't gotten those minutes or any minutes of any of the other meetings that we have.

I suppose that a reason could be, things that are said to placate us, but as they are not written down then we have nothing to go back to say, "that is exactly what was said". I give you an example;

*In May 2006 we were told by the proponent that the jobs, after the initial construction stage, 'would be 2 casual jobs and as such a manager's residence was not really needed. All monitoring would be done OFF SITE, so those 2 jobs would only be small maintenance jobs.' So you can see the difference in the 'EA' saying that 15+ jobs are going to be on the Scone Energy Park.*

*As well, the Mountain Station, which is above our Property, has several 'Government Roads (Paper Roads)' and that these were ALL going to be cancelled, as well as several others near to this site, as a gesture. Of course we now know that this was not correct as the Proponents want to run the power lines along some of these Government roads. We don't know if they have to purchase these from the State Government (like we would if we are going to purchase them) or just use them without any compensation to us property owners that have been paying rent to the State Government for there use.*

So I think I have stated our position on that but to say that even if the proponent does write minutes of meetings then sells the development on to another party who owns the minutes and does the new owners need to comply with the minutes or do the minutes of those meetings become owned by the Department of Planning as they are the setter of the conditions of the approval, and therefore they would have

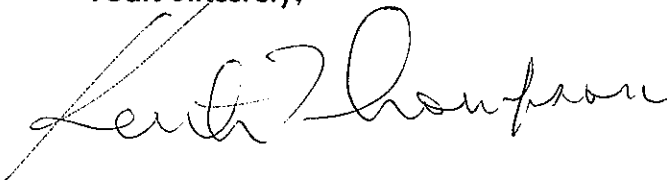
a continuous involvement in the Wind Farm for the next 30 years until it is decommissioned.

There were two forums/Shop front meetings put on in Scone by people who are Anti-Wind Farms, at one of these meetings I had several young people in conversations about the pros and cons of the Scone Development, with their comments as "***Why do we, the next generation, have to have the 'OLDIES' Wind Turbines, why can't we have our SOLAR as that is our future?***"

It might be needed to look to the under 25's requirements and boost SOLAR, as it is ramping up to being very efficient and getting better as the months go by??

You will see in one of my submissions to the Department of Planning that I note the undeveloped way the 'EA' is, I have included words that have been used... ***'In the final layout, in the final design, future action to finalise the determination, this will need to be completed, address property owners concerns, assuming agreement is reached between Landowners and Pamada, reference levels have been proposed, the final evaluation of the Network Connection enquiry, likely to result, require detailed evaluation, further detailed examination'***. I feel that in the future 'EA's' details should be definite and final, not these words as they are above. This sort of looseness of words gives the Proponent too much freedom, especially when the project is sold onto a developer who is going to build the project.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Thompson. J.P. nsw