

The Secretary,
Senate Committee Secretariat,
Parliament House,
Canberra

10.48 PM
10-2-2011

Udel Lal - Yendon and Elaine
Wind Farm
Dear Secretary,

Please find attached
in addition to my submission sent a
few minutes ago by fax, the submissions
made and spoken to before the
panel of three by my three sons
Robert, Anthony and Gordon Kelly.
Yours faithfully,

FTI - what I sent.
regards Country Party

30th July 2008

The Minister for Planning,
C/- Planning Panels Victoria,
Department of Planning and Community Development
Level1, 8 Nicholson Street,
EAST MELBOUNRE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

Re: Reference no. PL-SP/05/0461

My family own a farming property which effectively backs onto the property on which the windfarm is proposed.

I wish to strongly object to the windfarm proposed and make the following brief points as to the reasons,

1. Racecourse Road, to which our property has frontage is the highest point of land on our property. It is the location of the original Homestead for the property and is also the obvious choice for us in building a new home(s) and or outbuildings. (our property is predominantly low lying land and is subject to flooding). The proposed turbines would be located within just a short distance of Racecourse Rd and subsequently the highest point and the most valuable part of our property.
2. The installation of 130 metre high turbines in this area will have a devastating effect on the local amenity. This is a rural community of great beauty. The location of the wind farm would forever be a blot on this landscape.
3. We understand that the continuing drone/pulsing noise will have a major effect on any quiet enjoyment that residents may be entitled to.
4. It appears that a number of homes would be located within 700 metres of a turbine. We would have thought an absolute minimum of 1.5 kilometres would be more reasonable.
5. Our property is home to a number of wedge tailed eagles. The nests in the remnant bush are plainly obvious to any visitor. We are deeply concerned at the likely effect of the local population if these turbines are approved.
6. We note from the plan of the proposed turbines that none are proposed to be located anywhere near the owner of the land's homestead and outbuildings. We suspect the reason being the effect it may have on quiet enjoyment of their property if this were to occur.

5th August 2008

The Minister for Planning,
C/- Planning Panels Victoria,
Department of Planning and Community Development
Level 1, 8 Nicholson Street,
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

Re: Reference no. PL-SP/05/0461
Lai Lal Windfarm

On behalf of my family, I myself would like to confirm our objection to the proposed Lai Lal windfarm.

The proposed windfarm would basically back onto our farm separated by Racecourse road.

We have set out below various reasons why we object to the proposed windfarm.

1. Our intention has always been to build new homes and outbuildings fronting Racecourse Road. Most of our property is low lying and is not appropriate for new homes due to flooding. The original granite homestead on the property is an obvious position to once again build a new home on.
2. We recommend a minimum of 2 kilometers from any wind turbines to Racecourse road. If wind turbines were allowed to be built any closer to Racecourse road we feel this would prejudice the opportunity for us to build on Racecourse road in the foreseeable future
3. The visual impact of the wind turbines in this very popular area would be devastating. Many people in the area moved to Lai Lal for the quiet rural life and not to see 40 storey high turbines.

4. We believe that the continuing drone noise made from the turbines will have a major effect on any quiet enjoyment that residents should be entitled to.
5. No wind turbine should be located close to residents' homes or outbuildings. Some of the proposed turbines appear to be as close as 700 meters from homes. In our opinion this is completely unreasonable. We suggest an absolute minimum of 2 kilometers from Racecourse would be more reasonable.
6. Several Wedge Tailed Eagles live on our property and we are clearly very concerned to what might happen to local population of Wedge Tailed Eagles if the wind farms went ahead in the immediate area. It should be noted that the eagles nest is within 700m2 from Racecourse road.

We welcome the opportunity in elaborating on our comments and hope the above brief comments will make it clear to your department how we feel and that the proposed Lal Lal Wind Farm is in appropriate for this location.

Yours Sincerely,

GORDON KELLY

30 July 2008

The Minister for Planning
C/- Planning Panels Victoria
Department of Planning and Community Development
Level 1, 8 Nicholson Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

RE: PROPOSED LAL LAL WINDFARM
REFERENCE NO. PL- SP/05/0461

Our family own a grazing property directly adjacent to the site of the proposed Lal Lal Wind Farm at Yendon. We wish to strongly object to the installation of wind turbines at the proposed site on the following grounds:

1. Our property has significant frontage to Racecourse Road. Access to the original Homestead site is from this road and this is the planned site for construction of a new residence and outbuildings as it is the most elevated part of the property. This part of our property is consequently the most valuable and appears to be within 700 metres of proposed wind turbines.
2. The current Homestead which comprises our, and our young children's, rural retreat has a direct outlook over the proposed Yendon site and towards Mt. Warrenheip. The installation of 130 metre high wind turbines would have a devastating effect on the visual beauty of this landscape, both during the day and at night. In addition, we, our children and other nearby residents would be especially susceptible to the near constant pulsing and droning noise of turbines.
3. We have at least one family (parents and offspring) of Wedge-tailed eagles which have nested in bush on our property for many years. We are deeply concerned at the impact that wind turbines would likely have on these birds.
4. We note that the proposed site is on land owned by one of the larger landholders in the area. In effect the surrounding areas are relatively densely populated and it seems inconceivable that the proposed site could be deemed a suitable location. The impact on nearby resident's land values, visual amenities, rights to quiet enjoyment of their land and even their health would be most significant.
5. Generally we are in favour of developing wind energy as a viable alternative to other sources of power generation. However, we firmly believe that future potential sites for windfarms should include mandatory greater minimum distances between turbines and residential communities.

We trust that our concerns will be taken into your consideration when assessing the application by WestWind Energy for its planning permit.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert and Belinda Kelly