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24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

Dear Stephen,

Alan & I have done further research since sending you our previous submission on the Flat Rocks Windfarm proposal & have given more thought to our reasons behind our rejection to such a proposal. Please could you disregard the letter that we sent previously & endeavour to have this letter put before the Council when the matter is discussed?

Yours faithfully,  
Narelle Goodall.

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18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010

Dear Stephen,

we are writing in regards to the proposed Flat Rocks Windfarm and wish to voice our opposition to this proposal. There are a number of factors that contribute to our decision. These are as follows:

a) the value of land prices being affected. We will receive no benefit from the Windfarm but our land could well be devalued because of the turbines next door. If this was to happen then that would result in the land rates being reduce because of the lowered land value. Lower rates would mean less income for the Shire!

b) how much noise are we going to have being within a 2-3km range of at least 3 turbines? (we don't wish to find out after the turbines have been erected).

I have hiked along the Bibbulmun Track near the Albany Windfarm. The turbines are not as noisy up close as they are 1-2kms away!

c) we have concerns regarding how this proposal will affect the local wildlife, how the noise & shadow flicker will disturb their natural habitat & environment.

d) we have concerns regarding the interference that these turbines may cause to TV & radio communication appliances. We already have to put up with 2<sup>nd</sup> rate TV reception (or pay money to improve things), something that seems to be a common occurrence in the country with a lot of things. The proposal states that some residences may be affected with interference.....we don't wish to find out AFTER the turbines have been installed.

e) We are immediate neighbours & yet at no time have we had any contact from Moonies Hill about the said information sessions. We feel that there has been a veil of secrecy about the whole proposal & the Community as a whole has not been informed. What is being hidden?

f) We object to the way that the submission issue has been handled in originally giving us a limited time at a very busy time of year, to submit something to Shire. We note that in this recent issue of the Koji News the submission time has been extended. We still feel that there has not been given enough information or time to the Community, considering that there will not be another Paper until late Jan & a lot of people are away & have other things happening in Jan, to give this the full attention that it deserves.

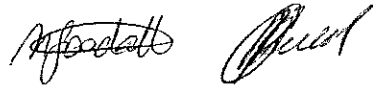
What is the rush & why has the Community not been informed before this? The proposal states that "the FRWF has strong Community & Landowner support for the development." The Community has not been informed of the proposal. The first we have seen anything in

the local paper was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec in a notice that very few people would read or take notice of. Again we ask, "what is being hidden & why?"

We hope that the Shire will carefully consider all concerns that are raised regarding this proposal. We have no issue with people doing what they wish to on their land, however when it affects neighbours in the long term who are getting no benefit, only disadvantages, the Shire has a responsibility to consider all rate payers' interest, not just a selected few.

We request the right to comment further on this proposal once more information & Community input has been received.

Yours sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right, both appearing to be cursive and somewhat stylized.

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To whom it concerns,

we are writing in regards to the proposed Flat Rocks Windfarm and wish to voice our opposition to this proposal. We farm at Korong Vale, bordering on the west side of the proposed Windfarm. Our house will be approximately 2.5kms from the nearest turbine but the majority of our land falls much closer. Alan has farmed here all his life & we have been building up our farm business together for the past 21 years. As we have no children to pass the farm onto, we will be looking to retire from here in the future.

Our main objections to this proposal are summarised as

- a) the value of land prices being affected.
- b)the health affects
- c)the noise levels
- d)the affect on wildlife
- e)the interference to TV & radio receptions
- f)the secrecy which has surrounded the proposal
- g) the division within the neighbouring community

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a) We have concerns about the value of our land being affected. We will receive no benefit from the Windfarm but our land could well be devalued because of the turbines next door. As mentioned earlier, we hope to retire in the future which would involve selling the farm. With land prices very likely to be devalued we would be financially disadvantaged.

b) We are extremely concerned about the health effects of living in close proximity to the FRWF. I (Narelle) have suffered from anxiety & depression on & off for the past 24 yrs. I have been free of medication for the last 18 months & would like to think I can remain that way. However, having read & researched on the mental & physical effects on individuals who live in close proximity to wind turbines, it is cause for great concern to both my husband & I about our future health, mine in particular.

There are numerous cases showing that people are being affected mentally & physically by the noise & low frequency of the turbines. Some of these people were in complete favour of having the turbines on their land, but now find themselves unable to live on their properties due to the health effects. The Windfarm in Ballarat, Vic is a classic example of this. (please see <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2010/02/19/2825235.htm>)

c) We have concerns regarding how much noise we will be affected by, living within a 2-3kms range of the turbines. (we don't wish to find out after the turbines have been erected!)

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d) We have concerns about how this proposal will affect the local wildlife, how the noise & shadow flicker will disturb their natural habitat & environment.

e) We are concerned about the possible interference that these turbines may cause to TV & radio communication appliances. We already have to put up with second rate TV reception (or pay money to improve things), something that seems to be a common occurrence in the country with a lot of things. The proposal states that some residences may be affected with interference ..... we don't wish to find out AFTER the turbines have been installed.

f) We are immediate neighbours to the west of the proposed Windfarm & yet at no time have we had any contact from Moonies Hill about the said information sessions mentioned in the proposal. We feel strongly that there has been a veil of secrecy about the whole proposal & the Community as a whole has not been informed.

What is being hidden?

The proposal states that there is a strong Community support & yet there seems to be a very low awareness amongst most of the Kojonup Community of the possibility of a Windfarm in our district.

g) We are concerned that neighbourhood relations will be destroyed. There appears to be 2 sides developing which is causing disharmony & the potential for a win/lose scenario. In a season such as we are having, it is detrimental to the support & cohesiveness that we would normally experience.

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We request that the Shires of Kojonup & Broomehill/Tambellup reject this proposal due to the concerns that we & others have raised. It must be noted that there has been very little research done on the long term effects that Wind farms have, both environmentally & physically.

If this proposal does go through, we demand that there be put in place a proportional exclusion zone from farm boundaries of 2kms for a 2 megawatt turbine, or 3.3kms for a 3.3 megawatt turbine.

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Yours sincerely,

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