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Dear Stephen

RE: PROPOSED FLAT ROCKS WIND FARM

We are writing to voice our support for the abovementioned proposed Wind Farm, which is before the Shire for developmental approval.

From the start we would like to point out that part of "Euvista" has been identified as one of many locations to hold the proposed turbines. Current proposals place these on the Broomehill Shire locations of our farm.

Our family considered many points when discussing whether to include our business as part of the Flat Rocks Wind Farm. These included:

Our Business: Would the primary production of our business be affected by the proposal? No, we concluded that our day to day operations and future operations would not be affected at all. If anything our prospects for the future would be increased, with the income provided by our involvement in this system. No different from alternating primary production from livestock to cropping to benefit a business's income stream.

Environmental: Whilst to certain groups this form of energy is somehow considered unreliable, we believe that any movement towards "green" energy is worth the effort. There has to be a start somewhere, we believe this proposal has that start. How a Wind Turbine may look? Messes up the landscape! Having travelled the road many a time between Kojonup and Collie, as we do, Wind Turbines in the paddocks as opposed to a coal pit, easy choice.

Studies conducted on our site along with proposed sites have concluded there to be a very low impact on the flora and fauna environment. In fact assisting to provide clean electricity, can only benefit our environment for many years to come.

Health: As parents of four children, we had heard the mutterings of a few regarding the unsubstantiated health concerns surrounding Wind farms. For

this we looked into a number of studies conducted over time and in different countries, searching for answers. What we found was a lot of proven studies, various studies, indicating to us that there is no risk of adverse health effects on our children. (NHMRC Aust Govt Review July 2010) We did however find alot of misguided information based on here say and unproven hype.

Community: What a chance for Kojonup and surrounding shires to provide short term and long term jobs. Once again as parents this was also an important consideration. This proposal would assist us, our children and the greater community as a whole in ensuring prosperity for the region. It is also a chance for our community to diversify, primary production combined with additional tourism (adding to what we already have), it's an opportunity other agricultural areas would envy.

As a family unit we felt it was important to weigh up the studies conducted, and the proven positives, rather than unsubstantiated negatives. It is for these reasons we urged the Shire Of Kojonup to grant Developmental approval for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

Regards

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