

Here's some reasons you may ponder on

Lived Experience – Don't allow your fellow Aussies to suffer as you do

To the people throughout Australia who are suffering wind farm abuse, can we please borrow your lived experience horror.

Can you please outline your *“lived experience evidence”* to the panel – they need to hear your story.

Make your submission as hard-hitting as you can muster.

Your lived experience statement is the reality of wind farm living and cannot be refuted.

Rat Plague – Dundonnell now has a rat plague – because all the raptures have been killed

Lived Experience – Noise and pulsations

Protection of Endangered Flora and Fauna - Native vegetation, SBWB, migratory birds and reptiles)

Protection of the Endangered Brolga – for more detail - Scroll down below

Protection of the Southern Bent-wing Bat (SBWB) – for more detail - Scroll down below

Visual Amenity – the size of the industrial facilities against the culturally significant landscape

Degradation of the rural landscape

Loss of Agriculture production

1 km no-go zone. Neighbours are forced to provide a buffer for the Host landowner next door.

Animal birth defects due to infrasonic pulsations.

Mortlake will become an unattractive place to live – surrounded by wind farms. The town will die off – the school will reduce in size and local businesses will become unviable.

Loss of Rural Community – families forced to move from the area due to noise.

Community Division – divisive strategy of paying off some at the expense of others

Loss of Local Volunteers – Loss of community

Fire Safety – Talk to the real fire fighters on the ground – no one goes near a burning turbine.

Biosecurity – contractors travelling from one farm to another

Cumulative Impacts – Mortlake will be surrounded by wind farms

Wind Farm Noise

Blade Flicker

Ground Vibrations – transmission of vibration through subterranean basalt rock along the lava flow plains.

Infrasonic pulsations – causing turbine sickness: <https://youtu.be/wYnNQoTcsHY>

Rural Night Noise Amenity

Devaluation of land

The Endangered Southern Brolga

The Southern Brolga has only about 200 breeding pairs left on the planet, that is split into two genetically isolated communities of around 100 breeding pairs each. The South West Victorian community is critical for the survival of the Southern Brolga.

The Mt Fyans proposal, in South West Victoria, will displace or render useless over 20 nesting sites if it has the same effect on Brolga populations as 12 other wind farms that have been built in Victoria have already had.

As the Southern Brolga is listed as endangered, the trigger for adverse effect on the species has been determined by Government to be 1%. The Mt Fyans Project is 10 times the trigger for the total Victorian population, and 20 times the trigger for the genetically separate population of 100 breeding pairs. This project does not satisfy the protection requirements of the Brolga.

The GPS tracking of Brolga in Victoria and GPS tracking of cranes in USA and Canada show the home ranges are more than 5km radius from nesting wetlands and wind farms displace cranes for 5km from turbines, yet the Mt Fyans proponent want to reduce buffers to less than one kilometre. The GPS tracking work was done in Victoria by Biosis Employees, but none of their work has been used in the Mt Fyans proposal, whose environmental reports were written by Biosis.

They have conveniently omitted at least 5 Brolga nest sites which would remove turbines.

They have omitted 2 flocking sites that would remove turbines and they have failed to use any of Inkas GPS tracking data at all, which if used would increase the buffers required for Brolga.

Their fly over aerial survey is a joke – and although they claim no Brolgas could be found, locals have comprehensive photographic evidence of brolgas on nesting sites throughout the same fly-over area.

The wind farm is trying to discount flocking events – but again local photographic evidence shows established flocking sites in the area over many years.

Half of the turbines would need to be removed from the Mt Fyans proposal to provide adequate buffers and to satisfy the Victorian Governments Brolga guidelines requirement of zero impact on the Endangered Southern Brolga

The Endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat (SBWB)

The Southern Bent-wing Bat (SBWB) is Critically Endangered. It is only found in south-western Victoria and south-eastern South Australia in a limited number of areas with suitable microclimates. South West Victoria will be full of wind farms, and will cause the extinction of the SBWB.

The Southern Bent Wing Bat (SBWB) has been recorded in the proposed Mt Fyans wind farm site, and dead SBWB have been found at wind farms in Victoria where consultants have previously claimed they

were not there or they were unlikely to be there. So in this case, the SBWB has been determined to be there and are at risk of being killed.

Wouldn't it make sense to NOT put turbines where you know they will kill the SBWB which is a federally protected endangered species. This project not only recognizes they are there and will be killed, but puts forward a mitigation plan to monitor after they are killed and if they keep getting killed propose to run turbines only at wind speeds unsuitable for bat flights for a few years.

This approach makes no sense, especially since no responsible authorities have ever enforced permit conditions after commissioning has commenced.

The safest approach to protect the Brolga and the Southern Bent-wing Bat is to remove turbines from the plan, rather than suggest mitigation after death and displacement has occurred.

Hearsay Reports

Here is the list of hearsay / bullshit planning documents written for the Wind Farm by their paid consultants.

<https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Your-Say/Mt-Fyans-Wind-Farm-Planning-Permit-Application>

You are welcome to take these with a grain of salt.