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WIND FARM MAJOR PROJECT REPRESENTATION

To The Commissioner,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Bell Bay Wind Farm. This is very misleading to the general public as it is not even in Bell Bay which is an industrial area. The proposed site is actually between Bell Buoy beach and Beechford townships with Five Mile Bluff CONSERVATION area in the middle of the towns and Fazard's Conservation Covenant to the East. All these areas are home to many residences and wildlife.

I have spent a lot of time in this area with my wife and children at my Mother and Father-in-laws residence for the last 25+ years. To many this may seem like a little unimportant coastal town, but it is very special to our family and other residents that call Bell Buoy Beach home.

While I recognize the importance of renewable energy to this new digital age, I believe that this project poses significant concerns to the local community, health, scarring of the coastline, environment, bird life and a heavy economic impact on surrounding residence home values.

The potential impact on threatened and endangered species within the local ecosystem is alarming and irreplaceable. Bell Buoy Beach and Beechford coastal area is home to some diverse plants and wildlife. It is a bird corridor along the coast to many species of migratory, native and coastal birds. That I have witnessed and photographed. This unique coastal habitat that could be disrupted by the construction and operation of approximately 28 @ 290 metre tall towers from sea level. I strongly believe that the bird life will be decimated. It is essential to preserve our natural environment and the species that inhabit it.

Additionally, the visual impact of these huge structures will detract from the natural beauty of our coastline. Ground vibrations and the noise will resonate for many kms from Bell Buoy Beach to Beechford depending on wind direction. Because of the sandy soil in this area vibrations are more prominent. This is very disconcerting to the residents and I am worried it will affect our health and well being.

Many residents and visitors value this coastline for its serenity and unspoiled nature of the area that stretches along the coast past large Aboriginal fish trap to Five Mile Bluff CONSERVATION AREA and through to Beechford. This is unspoiled nature at its best.

The implication of these huge industrial structures will both scare and harm the environment and wildlife, affect the health of the local residents and should be built in an industrial area and not in such a quiet, sensitive area. The Environments Protection and Biodiversity should take

priority. This area has already given more than enough of the environment for development than it has taken with the Gas Line, Bass link connections and transmission lines.

I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternative locations that may pose less risk to the community and environment. I believe that sustainable energy solutions can be pursued without compromising our local treasures.



All these birds I photographed are from Bell Buoy Beach.

Protecting bird coastal habitats is crucial for many reasons:

Biodiversity: Coastal habitats support diverse species, many of which are migratory and rely on these areas for feeding and breeding disruption can threaten their survival.

Ecosystems Health: Birds play essential roles in ecosystems, such as pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control. Their decline can lead to imbalances in ecosystems.

Conservation Status: Many coastal bird species are already vulnerable or endangered. Protecting their habitats helps ensure their populations remain stable.

Environmental impact: Wind turbines can pose direct threats to birds through collisions and habitat alteration, undermining conservation efforts.



Five Mile Bluff Conservation area.



Five Mile Bluff beach. The bird life is many.



Five Mile Bluff bird life



Five Mile Bluff Aboriginal fish trap



An Aboriginal Fish trap



Looking back at Bell Buoy Beach from Five Mile Bluff beach.

Thank you for considering my views. I hope that the necessary steps are made to halt this project and prioritize the well being of the local communities and its beautiful coastline.

Warm regards Nick Wigg.

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