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"Windfarm Complaint Procedure"
Moyne Shire Council
Mortlake



Dear Madam,

Re: Proposed Mt.Fyans Windfarm

I recently received an unsolicited letter from Woolnorth – no reply address- supposedly in response to my letter passed onto that company from the Moyne Shire Council –a letter I had written to the Mortlake Wind Farm Action Group

Woolnorth's correspondence to me and I imagine many others, was pure propoganda as is the brochure received this week in the mail. I would like to make the following submissions regarding Woolnorth's procedures.

Firstly the name Mt.Fyans Wind Farm is very misleading. Mount Fyans is some 30 kms distant from Mortlake and the reason listed in the brochure is that the previous owner of said "Mt.Fyans" property suggested it be used well put it on "Mt.Fyans". This name is deceiving and is not in any way relative to the proposed wind farm. We know a family who recently purchased land at Mortlake overlooking the proposed site that were told by their real estate agent there were no proposed wind farms in the proximity- disillusioned by the naming.

The fact that 700 people attended a Public Meeting in Mortlake in 2018 resulting in more than 600 individuals signing a petition against the proposed Mt.Fyans Wind Farm which was submitted. This submission has been completely ignored and I am told Woolnorth have advised "it is too old". Well, if that is the case, so is the Planning Permit Application submitted by Woolnorth in 2018. They should start again.

A new Public Meeting should be called - well advertised locally –not just on Social Media – but visually around the Shire.

Page 3 of the Woolnorth brochure addresses the visibility of the turbines from the main street of Mortlake – so what; Our property is at 149 Prentices Lane Mortlake – we do not reside there but there are many new residences close by and our 22 acres are very suitable for subdivision as detailed in a property Valuation supplied by Roger Cussens dated 9th January 2010. This valuation I might add was supported by the Valuer General when challenged by a Local Authority. The valuer refers to the magnificent views from the property looking towards the Hamilton Highway. This is exactly where the majority of the proposed turbines are to be erected. Since the time of that Valuation the value of our property would have – under normal circumstances and events – increased but should the wind farm be allowed to proceed would be greatly depreciated. Do we get compensation –I am sure that the proposed donations of native trees are not going to hide 200 metres high turbines.

The front page of the Mortlake Dispatch dated 8th April 2021 and page 2 thereof pushes residents to support Realliance Victoria promoting payments from Wind Farms and inviting nominations for committ5ee members. I had spoken to an interested party so asked for a Nomination Form. To my horror the form arrived and I noted it was a “self nominating form”- I phoned the council and was told this was Council policy and I should give the form to my proposed Nominee. That person –like myself- was amazed and we both commented “self praise is no recommendation”. It would appear the proposed Re-alliance party is already stacked especially when a “grant” (and I have another name for that” has already been accepted without the donor being approved or accepted by the general community. I have called at the “Mortlake Shopfront” several times lately on different days of the week – NO ONE HOME-. So much for the call in and discuss or source “more information” as promised. This promise is as false as the other promises being made –some honesty and integrity would be appreciated

Regarding Bird Life in the area there has been no mention of the magnificent Wedge Tail Eagles who frequent this specific area the nest in the pit areas of Mount Shadwell and we see groups of up to 8 soaring across the skies above our property – even standing down near our dam. They are a lot slower in flight and fly higher than any Brolgas and would be in great danger of the mighty chopper blades of the turbines.

I sincerely hope that some consideration be given to matters raised herein and by other members of the community.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Blacker

Copy to Woolnorth, Moyne Shire Council (Mayor and Councillors), Mr. David Allen