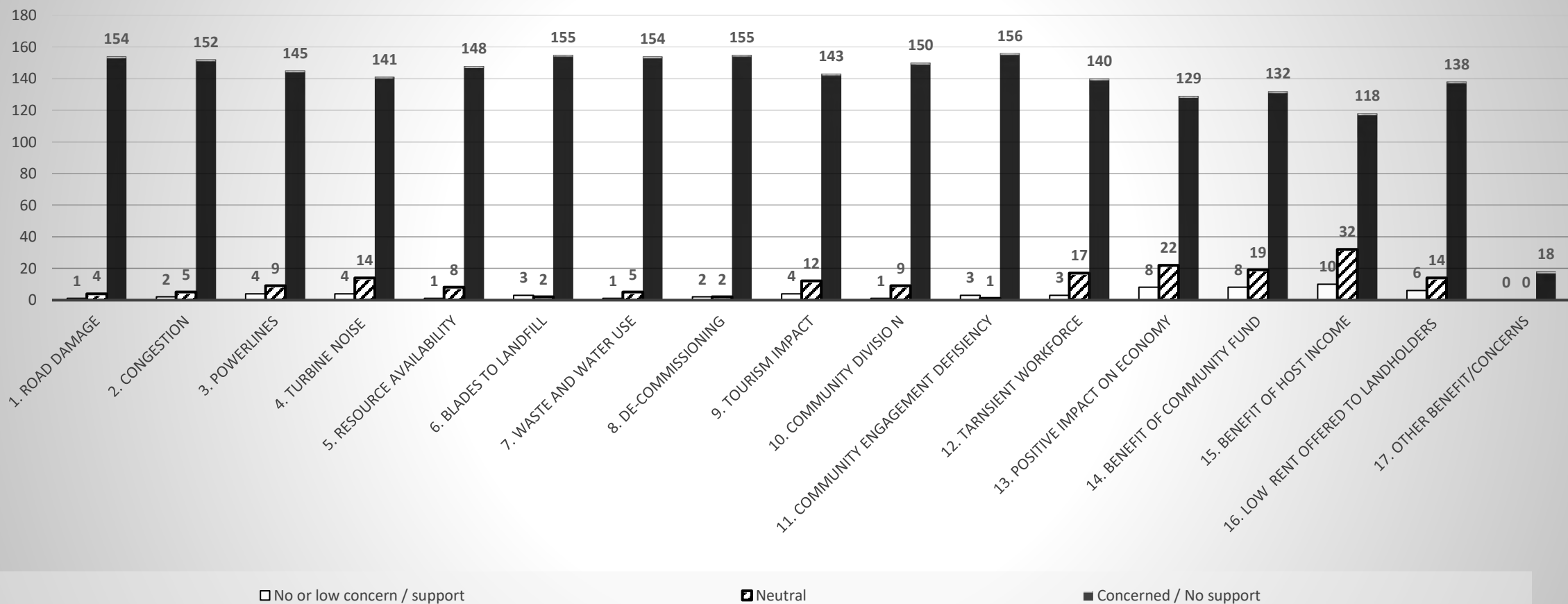


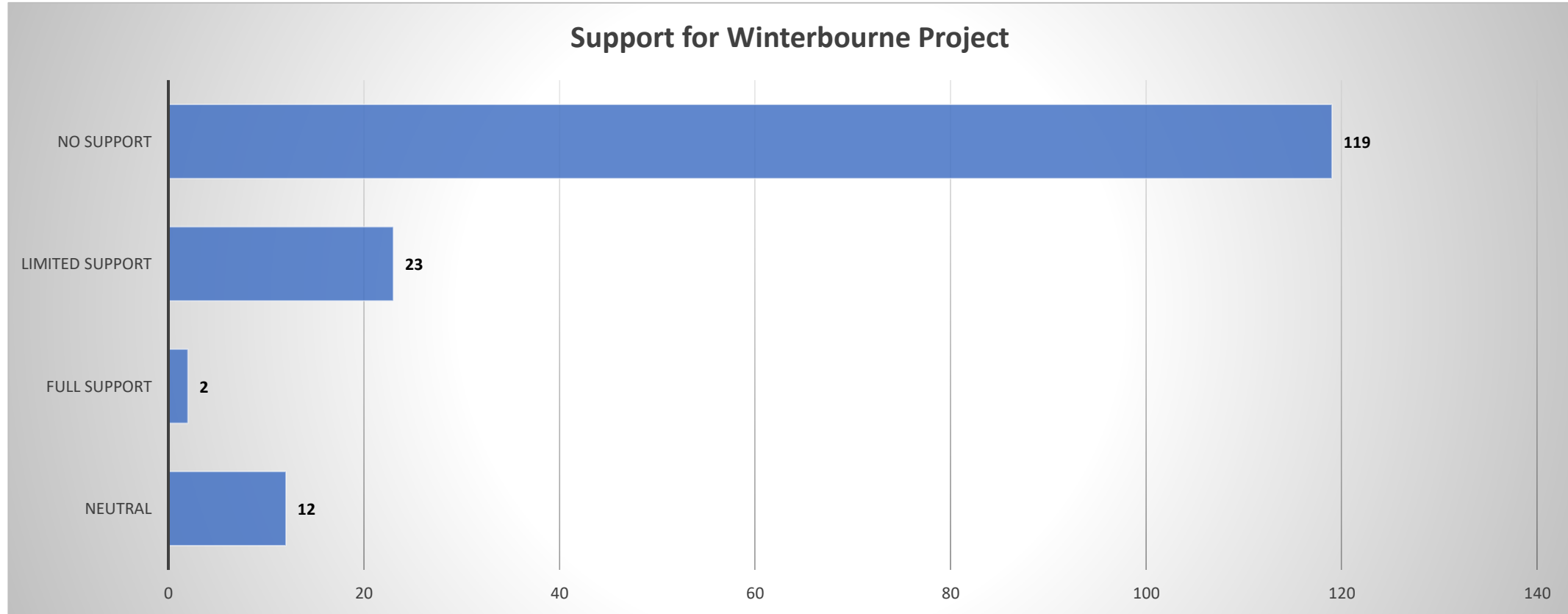
Voice for Walcha Thank you for your audience



Support / concern for different aspects of the projects.



Voice for Walcha



We are compelled to make the case for a council **OBJECTION**, in response to the EIS for this project.

1. Is Vestas acting in the interests of our community

- a. There is misleading and incomplete communication.
- b. Community consultation has been ineffective, and this has been intentional.
- c. Consultation with our First nations People was non-existent

We are claiming that **Vestas are not fit for purpose** and should not be granted the authority to proceed with this project.

2. Social Impact of Community Living Costs, and Pressure on Services

1. Pressure on Rental Market
2. Access to trades and service businesses
3. Access to Healthcare and Child Services.

3.
**Roads –
Congestion and
Road Damage**



Regarding 288 trucks on the Oxley Highway per day, Vestas write that we will be “**virtually unaffected by others in the traffic stream.**”

3. Roads – Congestion and Road Damage



Regarding Over-size and over-mass trucks on the road, carrying 80m blades and 6m diameter tower sections, **“these loads would generally not delay traffic for more than a couple of minutes”**.

3.
**Roads –
Congestion
and Road
Damage**



High rate of road
degradation
and
Lack of available
workforce.
Expect delays!

Consent **CANNOT**
be refuse for access
to public roads, if
required for State
Significant
Projects.

4. Resources - Gravel, Sand and Blue metal

Sand and aggregate – around 170,000 tonnes of material, or **7,500 truck and dog movements** for the project.

If not found within project boundary, as Vestas claim it will be – this becomes **ADDITIONAL** to the traffic report.

More congestion, more road damage, more roadwork delays.
Is this clarified as not being an additional cost to council?

3. Resources – Gravel for Access “Tracks”



Expecting 2km road per tower. Roads will be at least 8m wide, pavement depth 250mm.

This equates to **over 1 million tonnes of gravel**, or 52,000 truck and dogs.

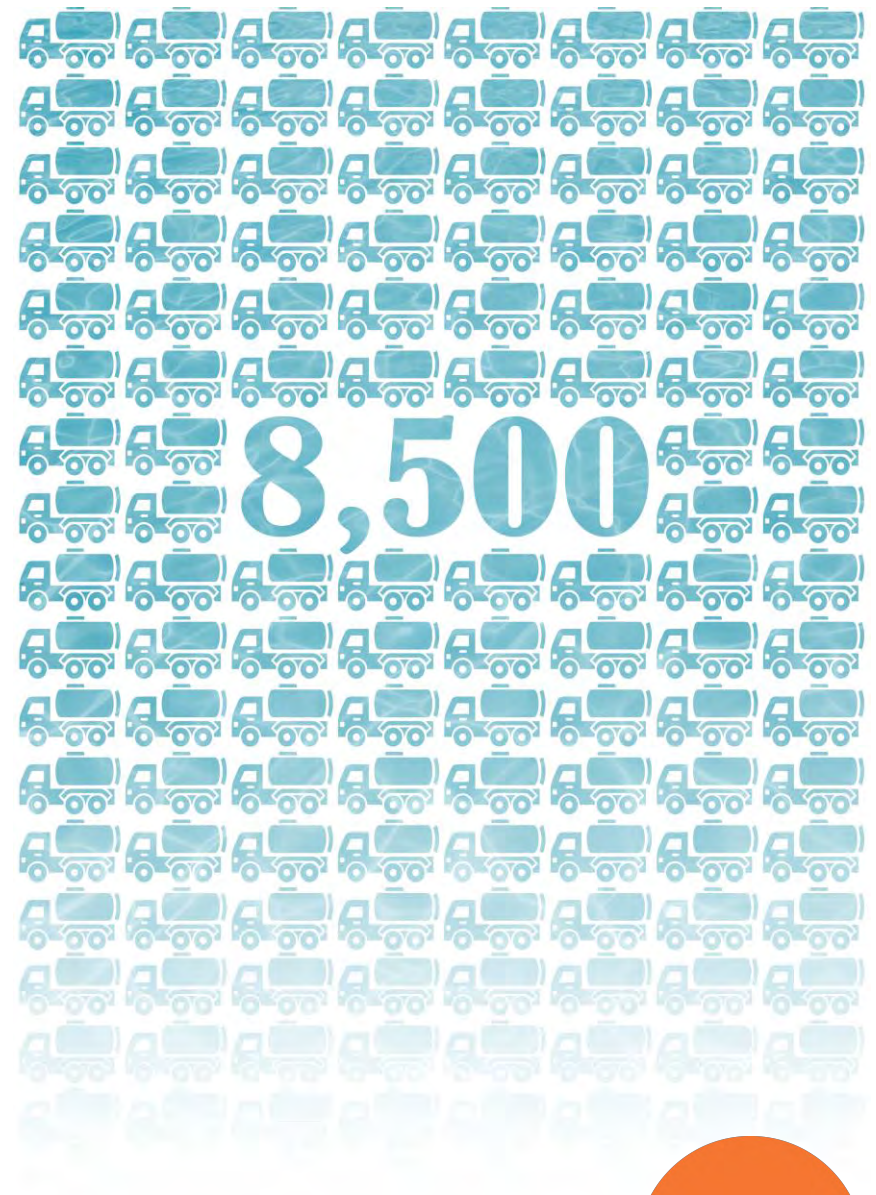
This is nightmarish!

5. Resources - Water

Water– around 220 ML required.
Or **8,500 semi-trucks** of water.

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as Vestas claim it will be – this becomes
ADDITIONAL to the traffic report.

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not being an additional cost to council?



6. We are an agricultural town, ***not*** an industrial town



Loss of access to
workforce, putting
pressures on all businesses

Biosecurity risk to properties

Loss of Aerial Ag. services

Risk to Fire Fighting

7. Inappropriate location against the Gondwana Rain Forest, incorporating the Oxley Wild Rivers NP

Permanently lose our identity as a unique and beautiful attraction for thousands of tourists to the area



8. *Acting for the community, not for individuals*

If individuals have a financial benefit from the project, they should have their opinion heard, but heard in that light.

It is not a community position that they have, but an individual one.

We need to identify the **COMMUNITY** position and act accordingly.

9. Council and LGA Economic and Financial sustainability.

Some of the negative economic impacts of this project:

- Loss of **business activity**, through lack of employees available
- Loss of **tourism traffic** from lack of accommodation
- **Loss of tourism**, from ruining our unique attractions
- Loss of tourism traffic, from **road congestion and road work delays**
- Loss of community members from rental hardship, affecting **local economy after project completion**
- **Increase in employment costs**, with project causing high demand for employees. This affects **council**, as well as **business**.

Introducing Kerry Fair

Voice for Walcha

Have your say ...

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS SURVEY IS FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Please note ... There are numerous wind turbine projects proposed for our district. This survey is **focusing on the Winterbourne Wind Farm** (119 wind turbines) scheduled to begin next year, with a construction period of 2-3 years.

1. Do you have any concerns about the construction and ongoing existence of the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm?

Tick one

Yes, I have concerns and I OBJECT to the Winterbourne Wind Farm project

I am neutral but am submitting a COMMENT (below)

I have no concerns, I SUPPORT the plan for this wind farm

I don't know enough about the projects

Further comment

2. Do you feel that Winterbourne Wind, the developer of this proposed wind farm, has provided enough information to enable you to understand the impact of this project?

Tick one

Yes

No

I don't know

Further comment

The developer > www.winterbournewindfarm.com.au

3. How/when did you first hear about the project?

Comment

4. Is there anything else you'd like to say about the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm?

Comment

5. Do you identify as of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent? Yes No Prefer not to answer

Your name & address, please. As mentioned, this is essential to validating the survey results. Thanks.

Name

Address

Please feel welcome to provide your email if you'd like to receive updates on the Voice of Walcha campaign

Email

Details on reverse side on ways to submit your survey. Thank you for taking the time to express your opinion

! Your opinion is very important

Have your say about the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm

Whether you support the proposed wind farm developments in our area, are opposed to them (or are somewhere in-between), it's crucial that your opinion is heard.

Who is conducting this survey?
Voice of Walcha - this is a community group which wants any renewable energy projects in our area to be responsible and proportionate in terms of the impact on our environment, township, lifestyle and freedom of movement.

What will happen with the results?
The results of this survey will be forwarded to Walcha Council so that council is able to pass on an accurate summary of the community's feelings to the state government.

Will the community get feedback?
Yes. The results of this survey will be published in the Advocate.

Is your name and address needed?
Yes, please. It is essential that we have your name and address to verify that this is a legitimate survey. Any public release will not contain personal information. Thank you for assisting with this.

Is there a deadline to reply?
Yes. Time is crucial. We need your survey back no later than **Friday, 4TH NOVEMBER**. Thank you!

Turn over to complete survey >

Community Survey Winterbourne Wind Project.



10. Precedent for an OBJECTION to project.

Many councils have submitted an OBJECTION, if the project is not suitable:

Tamworth

Upper Lachlan

Uralla

Warrumbungle

Queanbeyan

Hills of Gold

Rye Park Wind farm

Thunderbolts Hub

Valley of the winds

Jupiter

**We really want our council to stand up
for our community**



11. Other Concerns.

Decommissioning Commitment.

No Bond? No go!

The risk of default of a foreign company is too great. Why put landholders and council at risk?

HV Powerlines.

Powerlines follow projects.



12. *We have Choices.*

Unique characteristics of Winterbourne Wind project,
- as opposed to alternative projects.

- Traffic impacting the entire LGA, from SW corner, through town, to NE corner?
- Next to Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, and Apsley Falls.
- Project is too big for our economy and community.
- Cut the east-west transport link through Walcha, impacting tourism, business, & community.
- Drag a HV Transmission line through the centre of the LGA?
- Threaten our ability to water bomb a fire that reaches the lip of the gorge.

13. *Wrap up.*

We don't have to take the first project, if it is not right for the community. We have choices.

We feel, on balance, that there is a **clear** indication that **the community does not want this project**, and that the community does **NOT** want the council to have a neutral position, but to **OBJECT** to the project.



Thank you for your time