The Watta Wella WEF covers approx.. 5000 hectares of  prime farming land in the Watta Wella, Joel South, Greens Creek areas 16 klms from Stawell.

There are 47 turbines proposed at a height of 250 – 280 m up to 5 – 8 MW capacity.

Res are the proponents of the wind farm and there are 5 host families.

We have concerns due to the close proximity to Joel Joel State Reserve and Watta Wella Reserve which is listed as conservation area.

This is an isolated area and home to endangered and threated bird species.

Noise levels will drive birdlife and animals out of this protected area as turbines are situated a few hundred metres from conservations areas

Roads are narrow minor gravel roads not suitable for heavy vehicle traffic.

Roads may  not be repaired after construction ceases.

To allow for  turbine delivery old growth vegetation may need to be removed from roadsides.

Disruption to farming activities will occur due to volume and size of construction vehicles.

This will prevent the movement of stock on roads in the area.

Increased fire hazard due to additional battery storage in the area attached to WWWEF

There are already a number of batteries located at Bulgana Sub Station in close proximity to placement of WWWEF battery facility.

Terminal station is also proposed to accommodate additional wind farms in the area

Power lines feeding into Watta Wella sub station and proposed terminal station create additional firefighting issues for local CFA brigades

Water storage is provided by WEF but no other support is provided for fire fighting capacity.

This in turn creates issues for all landholders in the area.

Cumulative effect.

Surrounded by WEF Crowlands, Ararat, Bulgana already constructed,  Watta Wella, Navarre and Campbells are proposed

Why is EES not required?

Endangered and threatened species are present in the area and construction near 7 mile creek has the potential to create erosion issues.

Removal of Old growth Redgums, yellow box and listed grey box may occur.

Limited Community consultation meetings to address issues  have occurred.