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Attention DPTI

We attended a meeting at Eudunda concerning the changes to the planing act, we made the chairman aware of the three national recovery plans that are run by the Australian government and south Australian environmental departments. These include the iron-grass national temperate grasslands of south Australia, Pygmy bluetongue lizard & peppermint box grassy woodland of south Australia recovery plans. These recovery plans were created because the chosen areas are the last that are not affected by farming practices such as cropping and chemical use. These areas are mainly located on hill tops. The planing committee needs to consider the fact that these areas are the last surviving habitats for a lot of fauna and flora. The information in the recovery plans has been compiled by leading experts in these areas as shown on the acknowledgments page of each recovery plan. The Planning committee should take into consideration the years of extensive research required to gain proper knowledge of these areas. It seems a wind farm company can come in and do a short environmental study with results that contradict the information documented as part of the recovery plans. The areas are of long term environmental importance. Just a few of many things affected include the flight paths for migratory birds (no research done on long term affect) and survival of Pygmy bluetongue lizards especially considering there is no other habitat left for them to go to. Bulldozing, blasting, the construction process and long term operations of wind farms will have a obvious significant impact. Changes to the planing act should acknowledge the importance of environmental recovery plans and the environment in general.

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