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In reply to your letter 5/6/2026 I wish to make a submission/observation with respect to the Response to Submission document prepared by MKO.

I am a full time farmer, married to Mary and have lived in Dangan, all my life. We have four adult children, 3 of whom currently reside with us. I work on the family farm which has been in the family for many generations.

My land is within 440 metres of turbine one and 250 metres of the proposed substation. This is my place of work and what is currently an enjoyable occupation will no longer be such as my surroundings will be forever blighted by the intrusion of these industrial turbines. Section 2.11 of the MKO document states that 'over time, wind turbines will become a more familiar and accepted component of the Irish landscape'.

There is no basis for this statement and as someone living within 1km of the proposed turbines, I categorically reject this claim. They go on to say that their presence may not carry the same level of perceived visual intrusion – I purport that their presence will have visual intrusion and it will be actual not perceived.

On a practical level, there is an existing roadway running through the proposed development near turbine 1 and the substation. I use this roadway daily to get to the land at the end of my holding in Dangan Eighter. I also use this roadway to walk livestock. I am concerned that if this development goes ahead, I will be unable to do this due to construction traffic and/or roadway ditches being removed. Facilities for moving livestock are not addressed in the MKO document section 2.13.

Our residence is 950m from turbine 1, on the family farm. Our holding will be seriously devalued by having a wind farm in such close proximity. Through no fault of our own, what property we hold as security for our old age will now be diminished in value, with no recompense to us whatsoever. Community Impact section 2.5.3 of the MKO document refers to a potential 14.7% decrease in property values within 1 km of a turbine. I strongly dispute this. I have several potential sites with side road frontage which could sell for €25K each i.e. €50K an acre, at a very minimum. As they are within 1 km of a turbine, I will no longer have the option to sell them, they will only ever be agricultural land at €10K/acre. That is an 80% reduction in value.

S2.5.3 refers to extensive research in the US and UK but it refers to house prices it does not refer to land prices. Also, I do not think a US study, with its vast expanses of land, can be compared to rural Ireland.

As parents, we are also concerned that our children may be unable to build a home for themselves on the family land. Especially at a time of housing crisis, a site would give them a start in life. If they are unable to build on our land, they will have to incur additional costs getting sites elsewhere. As parents we would like

them to live close by as we get older. Unfortunately, if the proposed Cooloo wind farm goes ahead, we will no longer have the option of having them live close by.

Gabriel & Mary Mannion