

Objection to Capital 2 wind farm start time extension.

The reasons that I believe that Capital 2's time to construct their turbines should not be extended are;

People should not have to suffer the stress of not knowing the fate of their properties for 5 years, much less the stress of it going on indefinitely. 5 years of not knowing when your land values are going to plummet, when you are going to lose your view or suffer any potential health effects; or if you are relying on the rent to subsidise your income, when it is going to start coming in?

Why has this taken so long? Is it because electricity prices have risen so much in the past 5 years, and electricity companies are getting more return on their existing turbines and don't want to invest the money in more turbines, because then there would be a glut of power, prices would drop and profit return per turbine would fall. If Capitol was granted an extension, for how much longer would they hold out and continue to bleed electricity consumers?

As a nation, we have time limits to protect people and provide a level playing surface. As an owner/builder, as part of my DA approval for my two stage dwelling, I had to start constructing stage B of my house within 1 calendar year after the finish stage A, this is to protect my neighbours ambience. NSW requires an annual vehicle inspection to protect other road users. Australian citizenship has a minimum wait time to protect the individual by allowing them time to assimilate and conduct background

checks. Why is there one rule for the individual and a separate one for a profit making company?

If an extension was granted, would this not set a precedent for all future DAs of any description approved by local Councils, and the Dept of Planning? If Capital2's time to start building is extended surely this would send a signal to other proposed wind farms that they are above current regulations, and can plan their proposal around an open ended construction start time, or any other constraints set by approval authorities.

In Rugby, when a team is wasting time after a penalty is awarded, the Ref will call "use it or lose it", the P.A.C should blow their whistle and take Capital 2s ball away.

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