

Wind Turbine Submission

All of my life has been spent in the Bookham, Bowning, Binalong, Bango farming area and I have never seen such animosity between farming/grazing families due to the unethical payment of money, paid by overseas wind turbine companies, to buy the silence of those folk who are affected by the erection of these monstrous turbines.

The massive amount of concrete required by pads under each turbine is not environmental and will remain in perpetuity.

- Massive scarring of hills and valleys by the establishment of roads of enormous scale.
- Many of the hills have gradients greater than 18%.
- Planned clearing of virgin and native vegetation for these roads.
- Any farmer embarking of any of these activities would face prosecution and costly fines.
- Farmers are generally the most sustainable custodians of the Australian countryside for now and future generations.
- Due to the lack of enforcement of dismantling and environmental rehabilitation they will be left to crumble.
- The remaining infrastructure will render the land useless.
- Of the 11 hosts only 3 actually reside on these properties.
- The Coppabella Range of hills is a magnificent part of the landscape and should never be used for wind turbines.
- Solar farms are far less intrusive on the landscape.
- Australia is an incredibly sunny country whilst wind is unreliable as a source of energy.

Before any further approvals are made on this development, or any future proposal, it should be compulsory for full scale photo montage and modelling, complete with roads, substations, depots and turbines for public display in newspapers and public meetings indicating the full extent of the project. Any industrial or residential development would be required to submit these in their development application so why are the wind turbine companies allowed a different set of rules.

It appears that very little consideration is given to the families and communities who will be impacted for generations by the construction of this environmental vandalism. There are no turbines in the ACT, National Parks or the foreshores of Sydney harbour with our families and communities facing the impact on our lives 365 days, and nights, of the year.

Those of us who are fighting to save the serenity of our homes, livelihoods and communities, were shocked and very angry to learn that Mr. Charlie Prell, reputedly a paid member of the Wind Alliance, accompanied the Independent Commissioners on the tour of the Coppabella Hills and the fragile environment of the Whitefields Road, while the guide, a member of the Landscape Guardians, was effectively gagged from comment. Hardly the expectation of an "Independent" assessment.

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