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OBJECT

Submission No: 164168

Organisation:	<p>Key issues: Biodiversity, Visual impacts, Agricultural impacts and land use, Physiological - infrasound noise / electromagnetic interference / shadow flicker / blade glint</p>
Location: <i>Location redacted</i>	
Submitter Type: <i>I am the owner or a tenant of a neighbouring property to the proposed development</i>	
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I am writing to object to proposed Thunderbolt Windfarm Development. I write as an impacted neighbouring landholder - my residence is within 4km (nearest proposed turbine) of the northern aspect of the proposal.

The proponent has engaged minimally with neighbouring properties to the project and in my opinion has not acted in good faith in broader engagement with the community. The proponent has not been willing to provide us with detailed information regarding the likely impacts on us, whether that be visual, noise or shadow flicker impacts.

I am concerned that the project will pose significant impediments to the ability for aerial firefighting in the area. I have reviewed the submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure by NSW Rural Fire Service and believe their assessment of the likely impacts to be thoroughly inadequate. I am a member of the Kentucky RFS Brigade and have been involved in the control of numerous fires in close proximity to that proposed for the project. Aerial fighting is essential for fire control in certain cases in this area due to topography and vegetation coverage. The area is bushfire prone. Clearly having turbines in the number and at the size proposed for this project will impact the ability for aerial fire control.

I am concerned about biodiversity impacts of the project. The time over which the environmental assessments were conducted was quite limited in the perspective of biodiversity and doesn't allow for adequate assessment in my opinion. I frequently see Koalas on my own and adjacent land and I am concerned that the project will have significant impacts on this endangered species. The impacts on koalas were not specifically assessed in the environmental assessment phase to a level that meets the public expectations test. Should the project proceed and impacts on koala populations become evident, the reputational ramifications for the NSW Government will be significant!

There are numerous small land holdings in the vicinity of the project, including my own. The likely impacts on value of these holdings are potentially significant. Data available globally is inconclusive on the impact of renewable projects on land value. When assessing this, clearly the impact will be greatest on small holdings compared to large agricultural holdings.

I am concerned that the flow of community benefits associated with the project does not accurately reflect which communities are sharing the burden. My understanding is that the community benefits will be split 60:40 Tamworth:Uralla LGAs. Kentucky is clearly the most impacted community. This is not reflected in the split of community funds. Furthermore, I am not confident that Uralla council will invest their minority portion back into the Kentucky community.