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SUPPORT

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New England Surveying & Engineering supports the proposed Thunderbolt Windfarm development.

We are a local business which had already benefitted from this project having first been engaged by Neoen in April, 2021 and in this time we have always had good dealings with them.

This is significant work for our company, the scale of which we rarely get to see as typically the opportunity to work on such projects would go straight to larger companies in Sydney or Brisbane. However, Neoen have shown us that they are committed to engaging local businesses.

A diverse economy provides a buffer to the volatility seen in the primary industries sector. Renewable Energy projects have provided added diversity to our local economy which has helped sustain many local service sector businesses. The service sector and primary industries are co-dependant, they rely on each other. We experienced this during the peak of the last drought in 2019 when like many other business we were suffering the flow on effects of a primary industry sector on its knees. Our work in the renewables sector kept our business going and allowed us to maintain our staffing and trade through. Because of this we are still here today.

There are many people living around Kentucky and Uralla who work in the service sector, and many of the business that they work for will likely benefit directly and indirectly from the renewables projects. The viability of these businesses and the jobs that they provide are critical to the long-term survival of small towns such as Uralla and villages such as Kentucky. Renewables projects, such as this one, provide a much needed boost to local businesses.