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Thank you for the opportunity to raise our concerns with this panel.

We (the residents of the Central West) are looking forward to evidence that this consultation is independent and genuine.

This IPC panel carries the responsibility of ensuring that our agricultural land and our regional communities are not destroyed by Squadron Energy.

I note that Squadron Energy stipulated in the neighbour and host agreements that all who signed had to publicly support Spicers Creek Wind Farm, evidence of this is already in the IPC submissions folder. I am sure that there will also be similar financially motivated supporters.

So, what motivates the objectors? We are not paid to object. Given that during the IPC meeting each speaker only had 5 minutes you are only heard some of our specific objections.

This project is about money not affordable sustainable energy solutions.

Squadron have already demonstrated their questionable ethics by encouraging our communities to invest in this project via DomaCom. DomaCom is an unlisted public company, unlisted due to lack of funds. The roadshow by Squadron and Domacom to obtain funds for Spicers Creek Wind Farm was perplexing, the investment fund appeared to be akin to a pyramid/ponzi scheme as it was not possible to exit the investment unless another investor was found. Plus if sufficient funds were not raised the investors would be proportionally liable for the campaign costs.

Remember Spicers Creek Pty Ltd is a \$10 company, therefore there will never be any negative impacts to the Directors.

Is this the sort of fund raising "campaign" condoned by the Department and this panel from the independent planning commission?

It appears that this project has been propelled through the process. Many wonder if this is due to political donations and or pressure from a project directors given the large amount of government funding being funneled to this network of companies?

Regarding ethics, can Squadron please supply evidence that they have advised the neighbours of Spicers Creek of all the impacts? After all, DomaCom clearly outlined the fact that investing in the community fund carried risk and they spelt out the risks (though forgot to mention they were de listed from the ASX due to lack of funds).



Approving this project cements profits for Squadron Energy and unreliable unaffordable energy. Everyone who lives in regional NSW and runs a business that is impacted by the weather knows that wind power is unreliable.

Next will be the Squadron gas power generation, supplied via the Squadron Gas import terminal at Port Kembla. Undoubtedly the gas power stations are backed up by Diesel generators given that wind is unreliable, and it will be impossible to know when and how much gas to have on hand to top up the system.

The Department state that this project will save 2,060,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Can the Department please publish how that figure was derived? For example, does it include the building of the gas power stations, the gas import terminal, the gas pipelines and the gas shipping.

The Department also states that Spicers Creek will generate 700 MW of renewable energy sufficient to power 370,000 homes per year. Will this power be available 24/7? Is this strictly wind or does it include the energy from the gas power station? Where are these 370,000 homes? Any in the Central West?

The Department state that the development is located on land where wind development is permissible with consent, yet Orange Minerals Pty Ltd state that they have had an exploration licence within the Spicers Creek Wind farm area that predates the wind project. I am pretty sure the entity with the deepest pockets and the best Government connections will win that one.

I question the Department's ability to ensure that Squadron will adhere to their conditions of consent.

To date in the Central West we have witnessed Beryl solar "forget" to plant their screening "no consequence.

We have witnessed Stubbo Solar cause three B Double roll overs on the Golden Highway within 6 weeks "no consequence for ACEN and interestingly no procedure for the clean up of the three loads of solar panels. There was no EPA or NSW Transport investigation "nothing.

It is not difficult to believe that Squadron will get the same treatment, "do what you like and we'll fund it with taxpayers money". Whatever the negative impacts it is simply collateral damage, too bad, so sad.

Meanwhile the people of NSW can expect that the cost of their electricity via gas will be controlled by Squadron et al, there will be likely diesel shortages (remember all this is ultimately backed up by diesel generators), electricity will be unaffordable and unreliable and impending food shortages due to loss of agricultural land, unreliable and unaffordable diesel and electricity.

For those who know nothing about farming, diesel drives tractors and trucks, tractors and trucks are vital in food production. No, there is not a battery truck or tractor that can replace the diesel variety given the weight of the battery required and the fact that this equipment works 24/7 often on soft ground.

This project is not in the public interest and will not benefit the people of NSW. But this project will benefit Squadron Energy.

Will you, the IPC panel, feel any twinge of responsibility when NSW/Australia becomes an economic wasteland because industry cannot survive on unreliable weather dependent power, our agricultural lands are industrialised, our regional communities destroyed and our people unable to afford their power bills.
