

Submission – includes Personal Details

State Significant Development: Paling Yards Wind Farm

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Application Number: SSD-29064077

Have you made a reportable political donation?

Please circle: **No**

*If you answer is **Yes**, please complete Political Donations Disclosure Statement provided separately.*

What is your View on the Paling Yards Proposal?

Please circle one of the following:

I object to the project.

Your Comments (please restrict to 10,000 characters):

Traffic – My primary concern relates to the increased traffic in particular the increase in slow moving heavy trucks carting potentially dangerous equipment through Oberon. I am also concerned that our roads are of a concern now, there up keep is constant, what will this increase do to them and who will fund this? Finally, I am concerned that this will make our already hazardous country roads even more dangerous. What is the impact to the roads that the turbines parts will be delivered?

Environmental – We live in a very fragile eco-system that the people of Oberon are very connected to. I am very concerned about the impact the 1,000,000's of tonnes of concrete/cement will have on our environment? How is this 'renewable'? My wife and I are in the process of putting eco-tourism cottages onto our property yet to be 'eco' I am prohibited from using cement slabs. How can turbines that use tonnes and tonnes of cement be considered 'eco'? Isn't the entire purpose of wind turbines to provide 'renewable' energy and is the purpose of renewable energy to be eco friendly? This does not make sense.

What also does not make sense is the carbon footprint to **make** these turbines, does not counter the reduced carbon footprint by using renewable energy. Or does this not matter because the turbines are being made overseas and who cares what the carbon footprint is to make these if the carbon footprint is put on another country such as China? As long as Australia – a pimple on an elephant's bum in relation to the world – is carbon neutral?

What is the turbine lifespan and will it counter the carbon footprint to make it? How long will it take to counter the carbon footprint to make these? My guess is that the turbine will die before it is carbon neutral which defeats the purpose of this entire project.

The Oberon LGA is home to some unique flora, fauna and animal species. I am extremely concerned that this proposal will not properly consider this impact.

Noise – these turbines are enormous and will create a lot of noise in what is otherwise a very peaceful environment. People come to the country side for peace and tranquility. I have a right to the quiet enjoyment of my home. Can you please confirm and GUARANTEE that this will continue with any turbines that are erected?

Bushfires – We have seen the impact of bushfires in the region which can be catastrophic. Having these wind towers means there is a no fly zone around them – how do we combat bushfires if we can not fly in or around these towers? Or does this not matter because we are country folk and do not reside in the Eastern suburbs or Northern Beaches of Sydney?

Apart from bushfires these towers have been known to catch alight, how can you guarantee that this will never ever happen here, and if it does happen how do we put the fire out without being able to use helicopters? Who is responsible for the turbines when, I repeat WHEN one of them sets alight?

Ecological – I would like to understand the ecological impacts the installation of the turbines will have. What animals will have to be re-homed? What bird life will be affected? What evidence do you have to confirm that NO BIRDLIFE will be killed by a turbine? What evidence do you have to confirm that NO other species of animal/ reptile etc will be affected by the turbines? Do we have a list of creatures that live in this area, where they live and which creatures will be affected and exactly how they will be affected? Or do we only care about these creatures when it suits your narrative?

Maintenance – who maintains the turbines when they breakdown or require maintenance? How long is their lifespan and what happens to them when their lifespan is over? Who demolishes them when they are no longer working or needed?