

OBJECTION to Burrendong Wind Project (SSD-8950984)

I object to this ill conceived proposal.

The proposed transport route for the components of this project has been stated to be along the Golden highway and the Castlereagh highway, these highways have known troubles and the proponents have said that EnergyCo will sort these out. To date there have been no real answers to the problems. Transport for NSW have been trying to get money for the last three years to maintain the Golden highway and have not got any, this has been known about for longer than that. With a significant amount of the produce from regional NSW using the Golden highway to reach Newcastle, how are the heavy vehicles that are assigned to freight this produce going to manage when confronted with cumulative impact from all the OSOM loads for the CWO REZ projects? Entry to the site is declared to be via Yarrabin rd why are they using a different route now? Is the damage caused to this going to be rectified by you?

Ark Energy have stated that there will be a peak workforce of 375, there is no provision for the accommodation of said workforce, as there is very little vacancies in the rental market in the local area. Two other projects in the region are extending the completion date of their projects and EnergyCo reducing their peak workforce due to the difficulties in attaining the required workforce. There is no provision in the EIS for accommodating the extended construction timeline and the affect that this will place on the local communities. With the local workforce being targeted to fill some of the required workforce there has been no consideration of effects that this will have on local businesses that are unable to compete with wages this foreign owned company, that is receiving considerable taxpayer handouts, can offer.

There is a very limited idea of what is going to happen to the waste that is produced from the project. With the local councils unable to take it, is it going to be placed in landfill in the local area to pollute this beautiful area?

Ark Energy think that in the event of a bushfire RFS and fire and rescue will turn up to save them. Well, they will have to be Sydney crews because local ones will not turn up to help as all these projects have driven wedges into the community and have garnered no goodwill in the local areas so will not be putting themselves at risk for these clowns. The EIS claims that the vegetation in the project is grassland vegetation, obviously these clowns sat at a desk and just made up crap so that they could make it easier to pass because if they were to drive through the project area and look at the ridgelines where the WTG are to be located they would see that they are covered with scrub and timber. The belief that aerial firefighting will be a contributing factor to the effective control of a fire is completely fanciful as looking at the Sir Ivan fire and other fires during the black summer these planes are flying through very thick smoke at time and have to be low to be effective so will not be flying through the turbines even if they are off. The Canadian crew that lost their lives are a reminder to how dangerous it is.

The EIS states that there will be no effect on local communications but there has been no consideration to the impact on the local mobile service, that currently has great difficulties keeping up with the load it has, from the extra pressure placed upon it from the additional devices that will be used during the construction period.