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NSW DPE  
Pottinger Wind Electricity Generating Works  
SSD-59235464

Too whom it may concern

On behalf of the Yass Landscape Guardians Inc. I wish to lodge an objection to the Pottinger Wind Electricity Generating Works SSD-59235464 for the following reasons;

There are many reasons that Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works should not go ahead?

1. The fact that as Australia is a signatory to the Paris Agreement 2015 where the wording breaks down to that to install renewables there should not be projects such as Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works impacting on country that produces food? Clearly the footprint of 26400 hectares is to be situated on country that presently run livestock viz cattle and sheep. Also, there are cropping areas and horticultural practices taking place within this same very large footprint into the Riverina.

Therefore, with Australia being a signatory to the 2015 Paris agreement allowing the Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works to progress that clearly there will be country that now produces food unable to produce food?

2. The impact on many species of endangered, vulnerable and critically endangered animals and plants will be horrendous should Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works. Full list of species below;

Weeping Myall Woodlands Ecological Community – endangered • Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*) – critically endangered / migratory • Plains-wanderer (*Pedionomus torquatus*) – critically endangered Additionally, there is some risk that there may be significant impacts on the following matters and further assessment to determine if the communities and species listed below are present in the proposed action area and, if so, the extent to which they may be impacted by the proposed action, is required: • Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*) – endangered • Australian Painted Snipe (*Rostratula australis*) – endangered • Blue-winged Parrot (*Neophema chrysostoma*) – vulnerable • Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) – migratory • Diamond Firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*) – vulnerable • Flathead Galaxias (*Galaxias rostratus*) - critically endangered • Glossy ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) - migratory • Grey Falcon (*Falco hypoleucos*) - vulnerable • Grey Snake (*Hemiaspis damelii*) - endangered • Latham's Snipe (*Gallinago hardwickii*) – migratory • Eastern Major Mitchell's Cockatoo (*Lophochroa leadbeateri leadbeateri*) – endangered • Mossgiel Daisy (*Brachyscome papilosa*) - vulnerable • Painted Honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*) – vulnerable • Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (*Aprasia parapulchella*) - vulnerable • Slender Darling-pea (*Swainsona murrayana*) – vulnerable • Sloane's Froglet (*Crinia sloanei*) – endangered • Spot-tailed Quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus maculatus*) - endangered • Southern Whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*) – vulnerable • Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*) - vulnerable • Southern Bell Frog (*Litoria raniformis*) - vulnerable • Winged Pepper-creep (*Lepidium monoplocoides*) – endangered.

3. The NSW DPE like many other approving authorities continually approve projects such as Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works are continually approved with approving bodies such as the NSW DPE having full knowledge that there is no compulsory decommissioning legislation in NSW?

4. These projects are approved with bodies such as the NSW DPE no knowledge of the lack of capacity of the approved connection high voltage? Continually these projects are approved "landlocked" with nowhere for the generations of such facilities to deliver generated power?

5. Projects such as the Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works which are known environmentally vandalism. Reference (Kaban Wind Farm clearing) Added to the environmental vandalism of the project itself the spin-off is that these installations need massive kilometres of high voltage transmission lines to deliver the power to the east coast load centre? Thus, an expedient amount of further environmental vandalism?

6. Installing projects such as the Pottinger Wind Energy Generating Works increases the risk of uncontrollable fires within the footprint of the installation? Its well known that commercial wind, solar and big batteries do ignite fires?

On behalf of the Yass Landscape Guardians Inc., I hope that you will look favourable on our submission

Best regards John McGrath

Secretary Yass Landscape Guardians Inc.