

17th October 2022

**Mudgee District Environment Group
Submission of Objection to Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification 1**

SSD-6696-Mod-1

Members of Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG) support timely and appropriate transition to renewable energy. We urge that this transition be achieved with absolute minimum disruption to existing agricultural land use, remnant vegetation, protected and conservation areas, and sites of cultural significance. These values must be respected and upheld. Renewable energy developments must also have social licence from the local community.

Our objection to the Tilt Renewables Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification (LRWF Mod 1) proposal is centred on the existing External Transmission Line Site easement as shown in Appendix E – Maps 16-18. The use of this easement would create unacceptable disruption and loss of the values listed above. We note these maps are dated July 2022.

The EnergyCo Revised Study Corridor for the transmission network was published in February 2022 and the new location available for LRWF connection does not utilise the corridor outlined in LRWF Mod 1. Thus the corridor mapped in Mod 1 is outdated and no longer relevant. This currently approved External Transmission Line easement must be withdrawn and removed from the approved project. It should not remain as an option for Tilt Renewables.

The maps of the easement corridor are lacking in detail. They do not show the location of waterways, topographical contours, cadastral boundaries, in some places the Ulan Road, or the extent and type of remnant and riparian vegetation removal required along the Goulburn River and the Ulan Road. This suggests that the proponent has not exercised due diligence and in turn, is not aware of the likely impact of utilising this corridor. A detailed map of the area of concern is below.

The planned LRWF Mod 1 External Transmission Line involves unacceptable clearing of remnant native vegetation, State Conservation Areas and the National Trust listed high value conservation landscape – impacting on the culturally significant ‘Hands on Rock’ and ‘The Drip gorge’ picnic area, Goulburn River. The latter is regarded as ‘Sacred Country – *Ngayirr Ngurambang*’. The importance of avoiding further loss of biodiversity and cultural values in this sensitive highly regarded area is widely acknowledged.

MDEG strongly objects to any easement corridor in this vicinity. We surveyed visitors to the Hands on Rock site and found over 90% of visitors were opposed to the clearing for a powerline easement (Report into Social License Concerning Renewable Energy Transmission Lines and Towers Along the Tilt Renewables Ulan Road Easement, Ulan – attached as separate document). This easement corridor is widely opposed by local community and visitors to this special area.

MDEG members believe that the External Transmission Line must be withdrawn before the LRWF Mod 1 is approved.

Sincerely,

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Chair, MDEG.

Figure 16: Proposed changes to transmission line alignment near Hands on Rock

