

November 9, 2022

Director – Energy Assessments, Development Assessment

Department of Planning and Environment (NSW)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Proposed Valley of Winds Solar Farm, Wind Farm and Energy Co Merotherie Hub/Application No SSD-29508870 by ACEN Australia

I am writing as a member of the Armstrong family, who own and reside at the Pemcaw Merino Stud, Birriwa, NSW.

The homes of three generations of my brother's family can be found within the Valley of Winds maps as 337, 343 as well as two other dwellings which are not shown on the maps. These can be found at -32.096618, 149.556721 and -32.095501, 149.525359.

As a brother of Warwick Armstrong, I am very familiar with the location of the property and surrounding district. Indeed, I have spent a considerable amount of time working on the properties which are now owned by the family.

On their behalf I wish to make a submission, briefly outlining my concern about the way this proposed development has been pursued by the proponents:

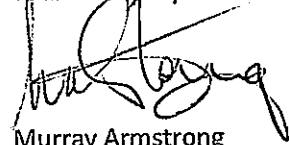
1. To my knowledge there has been little direct or indirect consultation with my family (or other affected property owners) about the extent of the project, to determine the likely impact on their businesses and livelihood. As an example, there doesn't appear to be any consideration of the very real negative effect on property valuations.
2. The visual impact of the proposed Energy Co Merotherie Hub (next door), the nearby Birriwa Solar Farm and an unknown number of wind turbines from the Valley of Winds project, will clearly create a huge burden on the life experience of these families. I believe it is unconscionable that these aspects of human wellbeing are not taken into consideration.
3. The Armstrong family, comprising three generations, is very concerned about the visual impact they will experience as well as the possible effects from infrasound, which recent studies have shown can travel up to 20km.
4. The cumulative effect of these renewable energy projects on this family and residents of the surrounding district do not appear to have been adequately addressed by the proponents.

My view is that a public hearing must be held to canvass the views of all affected residents, landowners and businesses within the localities of Dunedoo, Leadville and Birriwa. The project should not be allowed to proceed unless there is an overwhelming majority in favour. Until this action is taken, I will **OBJECT** to the application being approved by the Minister for Planning.

I further declare that I have not made any political donations in the past two years.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Yours faithfully



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