

Tongy Station  
1340 Tongy Lane  
Cassilis, NSW,

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Director - Energy Assessments | Planning and Assessment  
Department of Planning and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square  
12 Darcy Street  
Parramatta, NSW, 2150

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Objection to the proposed Central – West Orana REZ Transmission project (SSI-48323210)**

This is an objection to the proposal by Energy Corporation of NSW (“EnergyCo”) for the development of a power transmission project for the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (“Project”) following review of the published Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). It is submitted that the proposed project should be refused in its current form.

My objection is based on the poorly developed strategy for the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (“CWOREZ”) and the long-term negative impact the CWOREZ will have on unique communities like Coolah, as well surrounding landowners who are not associated with any of the highly conceptual renewable energy projects, which have been so poorly conceived and which EnergyCo has incorrectly assumed in its EIS will be proceeding.

A majority of the Coolah community and all non-associated landowners do not accept two large wind generation projects surrounding the township and surrounds with over 300 wind turbines, nearly all of which are planned to be over at least 250 metres in tip height. Most of the Coolah township residents together with most of the non-associated local landowners have collectively voiced their lack of support for both the Liverpool Range Wind Farm (“LPR”) and the Valley of The Winds Wind Farm (“VOTW”) projects proceeding. The negative impact of each project to the district on a variety of critical measures is considered by the surrounding community to be severe, long lasting and unacceptable. The cumulative impact of both projects will be devastating for the Coolah community and surrounding region, effectively changing the Coolah regional landscape into an industrial area which residents and local landowners have never agreed to and for which the local planning authorities would never accept. Only now are the severe implications of the contemplated CWOREZ to the Coolah community and local landowners are being understood and consistently rejected. These negative implications to the Coolah region are severe and primarily result from the outdated and flawed guidelines issued by the NSW Government which are used by each wind farm proponent to consider assessments for visual, noise and other impacts, which in the proponents view, would be acceptable to the Coolah township and to the large number of surrounding non-associated landowners. These guidelines were not written to consider wind turbines with 250m tip heights and have been recognised by relevant independent experts as being outdated and therefore flawed in the application by each wind farm proponent (in this case Tilt Renewables and ACEN) for determining “acceptable” impacts. As such, EnergyCo should not be pre-supposing or assuming these wind farm projects will be proceeding in their advertised form due to both lack of community support and flawed planning guidelines being used to determine, from the point of view of proponents, what is and is not acceptable to the Coolah community and the many non-associated

landowners. It stands therefore that the underlying premise for EnergyCo's transmission project to provide new power transmission lines for wind farm projects being proposed using outdated impact guidelines, is also flawed.

My objection to EIS is also based on EnergyCo's assumption that the proposed VOTW project will be proceeding as advertised by ACEN. The VOTW project has not been approved by the NSW Government, yet the narrative of the EIS pre-supposes it will. By necessity, my objection is premised on my underlying objection to the VOTW project and specifically the direct negative impact, on several substantial measures as has I have previously submitted, of the proposed Girragulang cluster of wind turbines within the VOTW project has on my adjoining property, Tongy Station.

I reserve my right to make additional submissions after further consideration and after the EnergyCo undertakes further technical and project reviews and responds to submissions made.

Yours sincerely,



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