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**CWO REZist Inc objection to TILT SSD 6696 – Mod 1 amendment for TWA**

Tilt continues to avoid any mention of cumulative impact. The community is aware that at no stage should this project have been processed through DPE as a modification, the considerable changes to the originally approved project should have required TILT to lodge a new application.

The immediate area is facing a 600 person TWA camp at Coolah (TILT), a 1500 person camp at Merotherie (Energy Co/ACE), a 1000 person camp at Birriwa (ACEN), a 600 person camp at Cassilis (Ulan Road/Neeley's Lane – Energy Co) and a 400 person camp at between Leadville and Coolah (ACEN). Likely there are many more that we have not yet been informed of.

These camps (within a radius of less than 40 km) will likely overlap in operation and we can anticipate 4100 additional workers coming into the local district.

Compare this to the population of Coolah at approximately 1200 (including rural not town residents). At present we have very limited services, eg. one doctor, limited hospital services, volunteer RFS and volunteer VRA. The Mudgee hospital, over 100 kilometres away, is not a BASE hospital and unlikely to be able to accommodate the increase in presentations that 4100 workers from the Coolah community (plus thousands of others from the Dunedoo/Gulgong area) will bring.

It is ethically and morally irresponsible of TILT to glibly present the Coolah Community with a 600 person TWA without any regard to the lack of rescue, medical or fire services for not only the existing population but the 600 people working for TILT.

- TILT have not committed to a shuttle bus for workers. Fatigue; increased traffic; unfamiliarity with roads; collision with wildlife, feral pigs, wandering stock; all represent a potential for increased fatalities on our roads. This community does not have the rescue or medical services to cope with any increase in accidents.
- TILT have not committed to teams specifically employed to provide fire and rescue services. Relying on the existing depleted number of volunteers in the community is unacceptable.
- TILT have not committed to employing a fully equipment medical service at the camp.

Will TILT be expecting their workers to sign a waiver upon employment given the risk of working in a remote area with few emergency services?

There needs to be definite end date for the use of this facility for TWA, the 4 year period could well be extended for other "temporary uses".

What evidence has TILT supplied to confirm that immediate neighbours were consulted (not just an offer to drop in to their Coolah office) prior to the CCC meeting on 5 October? What evidence have

TILT supplied that non associated homes within the 2 km “buffer zone” have been appropriately compensated for loss of amenity and right to live in their peaceful rural residences.

Given that the consumers of NSW are fast losing access to an affordable and reliable electricity grid, DPE should insist that no TWA is allowed to access the existing grid. This TILT TWA and all further TWA camps should be run solely on solar, batteries with diesel generators for back up only. TILT should invite a university study to examine the results of living with ‘renewable’ energy.

Following from what we have come to expect from all ‘renewable energy’ developers TILT don’t detail the licenced landfill, the waste collection and recycling facility, the wastewater treatment facility or what happens to the “generally” plentiful ground water source during a drought or dry season.

Two days consultation in the town of Coolah is inadequate. Few in the town are willing to engage with TILT, there are many community groups in town who have learned the hard way that TILT are here to throw their money and weight around the town and if you dare to suggest anything negative about the project you are cancelled.

With regard to the decommissioning of the project, TILT are cunningly describing this block as currently used for grazing cattle. Has there been a history of use of this land for cropping? Local information says it has. During the decommissioning will the cement, pipes and electrical cabling be removed and will the land ever be able to be used (again) for cropping?

Given the land is black soil thus inaccessible after rain and the area is highly likely to be subject to flooding from the adjacent two tributaries, can TILT please detail the amount of stabilisation required and the cost of restoring this land after 4 years to its previous capabilities.

The town of Coolah is being forced to look at hundreds of turbines from numerous angles and now to be faced with a TWA that is larger than the town itself is unacceptable. TILT should be forced to relocate the TWA amongst the land hosts who are so keen to host the infrastructure and remove further visual/sound amenity impacts from the town.

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