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CWO REZist opposes the industrial wind project "Dinawan".

Industrial wind turbines will never provide the baseload power that our country needs, therefore the "project need" is redundant. The proponent, Spark Renewables, is a Malaysian based multinational corporation - they are not proposing this project for the public good, they are proposing this project for PROFIT. To state under project need to meet the ill-informed government climate targets is disingenuous, meaningless and proves this section is a box ticking exercise that is used by every wind developer.

The residents of the SW REZ were not properly consulted regarding being placed in a renewable energy zone which will result in their whole district being substantially changed from rural to industrial, as has been admitted by Energy Co in the CWO REZ.

Wind turbines are not 'ecologically sustainable'. Consideration needs to be given to mining for metal and materials, manufacturing, shipping and transport, clearing of land, blasting, underground cabling, cement, high voltage transmission infrastructure, maintenance, decommissioning and recycling. If this is done honestly it is apparent that industrial turbines are far from "sustainable".

The location of this project is too close to Oolambeyan National Park. Fauna does not respect boundaries and will likely result in high numbers of avian fauna deaths by blade strike. The cumulative effect from multiple wind projects in the district also must be considered. The project will affect 604.7ha of BC Act listed threatened ecological community. Offsets will not cure the destruction from cumulative projects. The western portion of the project, at a minimum, needs to be removed to reduce the destruction of native species.

There are numerous unassociated dwellings, many within 5.5km of turbines. Considering the turbines are 280m tall, this is far too close and will have negative effects (visual, noise, health), as well as likely to negatively affect neighbour's land values. Commercial agreements should be required with EVERY unassociated dwelling within 5.5km and if these are not gained, then offending turbines need to be removed from the project.

The lengthy construction period of 60 months will heavily impact local residents for 5 years and their daily lives will be confronted by this extended period of negative impacts from increased workers, increased traffic, OSOM trucks etc.

The proponent lists multiple projects nearby. DPE needs to consider the cumulative effects for the whole REZ including future (not approved) projects and the negative effects that will impact residents living amongst these power generators, many of whom have never agreed to having their landscape changed so drastically.

No groundwater or aquifer access should be allowed as this will negatively affect the wider district's access to bore water. This should be a condition of consent if the project gains approval.

Social licence is based heavily on a survey completed by 14 people in December 2021. This is not a wide enough sample of the local population and should be removed from consideration.

Decommissioning and rehabilitation needs actual responsibility and guarantees undertaken by the proponent with FULL rehabilitation, including removing of underground infrastructure. Merely removing above ground infrastructure is insufficient and will not return land to its pre-development condition. This should be a condition of consent if the project gains approval.

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