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NSW Department of Planning
Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Modification – Aarons Pass Road

I am writing in support of the modification proposed by CWP Renewables Pty Ltd to the upgrade of Aarons Pass Road for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm.

As a local landowner who has lived and used this road all my life, I know how the community has been concerned with the safety of Aarons Pass Road of many years, well before the wind farm was proposed. The road is very narrow and winding with little or no vision around its many corners for oncoming vehicles or native and feral wildlife. People driving along the road that are unfamiliar with it tend to travel in the middle of it due to how narrow it is and there are always near misses and it may not be long till a more serious crash.

The clearing of the sides proposed by CWP Renewables will allow of much better vision along the road for oncoming cars and allow for better sight for native and feral animals that may be trying to cross the road. At the present it is almost impossible to avoid any collisions with feral pigs, goats or kangaroos as they are too well concealed on the sides of the road and run free before motorists have any chance to see them to avoid hitting them.

The clearing will also allow better access in case of a bush fire in the area as the overgrowth is too great. If there was to be a fire in this area, the current road does not provide an adequate fire break and with the amount of scrub and regrowth on either side of the road it would be very dangerous for local residents to try and get out as well as local firefighters trying to fight it. If there was to be a fire along the road, local flora and fauna would have no chance for protection as the fire would sweep too quickly through this area leaving devastation in its midst.

So, I employ the Department of Planning to please allow CWP Renewables to complete their proposed upgrades to Aarons Pass Road. The community has been asking for it for such a significant amount of time, please don't let this chance pass us by.

Thankyou!

Regards,

Mark Croake