

**Formal Objection : Jupiter Wind Farm Project, Tarago – Application No SSD 13 6277**

I formally object to the Jupiter Wind Farm Project with the focus of this objection on Landscape and the Visual Impact, and raise the following concerns:

The EIS Vol.1 states that the surrounding topography that encloses the Study Area will impact a “*relatively limited visual catchment*”. **This is a false and misleading statement.**

It states in the EIS Vol.1, Part E8. Page E.12 of the document, “*The assessment concluded that the Project has a relatively limited visual catchment due to: ...“dense stands of tree planting, windbreaks and garden plantings (associated with individual properties) that block or filter views towards the Project”*”. **This is a false and misleading statement.**

It states in the EIS, Clause 2.6.5, Page 2.9 that “*the majority of the PA consists of large and predominantly cleared agricultural lots that are used primarily for commercial grazing*”. **This is a false and misleading statement.**

Again on Page E.7, the EIS states that “*farmland is predominantly used for commercial grazing*”. **This is a false and misleading statement.**

EIS, Vol.1, Clause E.3, Page E.6, Site Analysis, it states that “*the PA and broader region consists of extensively cleared farm land and hill formations with the PA ranging in height from approximately 835m Australian Height Datum (AHD) in the north western portion of the PA to 616 m AHD in the south east. The elevated gentle ridgelines occurring within the PA offer a favourable wind resource and are highly suitable for the placement of WTGs*”. **This is a blatantly misleading statement.**

There will be 88 huge industrial structures, standing at a height of 173m and positioned in a populated rural residential environment. Each structure is some 40m higher than that of the highest point of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. So, how do 88 structures this height, **NOT** impact a “*relatively limited visual catchment*”.

No amount of dense stands of tree plantings, windbreaks or garden plantings will ever limit the visual impact of these massive eyesores. They will be highly visible from public roads, the many hundreds of residential dwellings in close proximity or within the Project Area (PA), and from the township of Tarago – they will be seen no matter the viewpoint. The Project’s 88 industrial turbine structures are so high, they would be visible from some 40 Kms away. No amount of trees, windbreaks or garden plantings would ever block or filter even a single monstrosity on the landscape, let alone 88 of them.

As noted in the EIS Vol.1, the PA has extensively cleared farm land and hill formations. We live in a rural and rural residential environment. Just because the majority of the surrounding zoning is classified as rural primary production, you will find the majority of land holders reside on acreages as hobby farms or rural lifestyle blocks and are not used for commercial grazing. None or very few of these properties are used for primary production of any kind within the Project Area (PA).

The AHD of Tarago is 703m. Tarago sits nicely in between the altitudes of 616m and 835m (as per the misleading statement above). So those “*elevated gentle ridgelines*” will only increase the visual impact on the surrounding landscape and the residences that reside within or near to the Project Area. We will be subjected to a view of industrial monstrosities rather than the unassuming rural outlook which brought us to reside here.

With the extremely high and widespread visual impact from these industrial structures, I ask, how long does it take for a tree to grow to full height? Is it 15, 20 or 30 years? Is it longer? With the proposed height being 173m multiplied by 88 towers, is there any tree or stands of trees that would grow tall enough to act as screen or at best, limit the visual impact. Keeping in mind, as stated in the EIS Vol.1, the landscape in the PA is mostly cleared!

How long is the lifespan of a wind tower? Certainly a lot shorter than the time it would take for a tree to grow to full height! Particularly as our landscape is subject to harsh weather conditions and a limited rainfall of approximately 600mm per year! Does Jupiter Wind Farm / EPYC believe the trees in this location will simply jump out of the ground?

This is the largest wind farm to be considered in NSW. This will directly affect the highest number of residences located within the PA. The impact will effect over 300 residences, including my property, all within a range of 1km to 5km of the Wind Turbines positioned within the proposed PA.

If this project is allowed to proceed it will have a devastating impact on all the residences within the Project Area, the landscape and the township of Tarago. Tarago already has approved and operational windfarms (Capital Wind Farm I and II) within close proximity. There is also Capital East Solar farm positioned nearby. It also has another major development with the Veolia Woodlawn Mine, all of which provide renewable energy.

Tarago is already notable for its renewable energy projects in its location and surrounding areas. We simply cannot support another hugely significant blight on the landscape. Nor can we, as land holders, sustainably accept a further "blight" on our Land Title.

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