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## **Mulloon Jupiter Wind Farm Project Rejection**

Reference: NSW Plan :- DP 845972 : Block No 7. 676 Mulloon Road Mulloon NSW 2622.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to strongly object to the current proposition to construct the Jupiter Wind Farm project in Mulloon, together with all of the accompanying infrastructure, within only several hundred metres of my two year old Grandson's bedroom.

### **Scenario One ....**

Although tied together with the Tarago Jupiter proposition, this part of the Spanish Company's erection intention is at Mulloon, which is actually **31 kms distant from Tarago**, 6.5 kms off the King's Highway, between the towns of Bungendore and Braidwood.

My two Grandchildren live with their parents on 100 acres that immediately abuts onto this proposed Wind Farm site, apparently owned by an ex, presumably obviously still well connected local Councillor, who seemingly is prepared to sacrifice the district, and particularly immediate neighbouring families, for his personal financial greed, with the erection of these 13 huge *'monolithic overshadowing noisy ghosts'*.

**Scenario Two ....** The Mulloon proposed Jupiter Wind Farm site lies completely in the bush, and, in construction mode and ongoing servicing mode, Jupiter would require constant heavy traffic load access, each way, along 6.5 kilometres of fragile, unsealed bush dirt road, and also requiring this constant heavy traffic load fording an equally fragile creek crossing, each way. Real good Aussie bush dirt road at it's best, now facing potential ruination.

**QUESTION 1 and 2:** Would this EPYC Spanish corporation, looking for financial gain at the expense of my family and their neighbours, be made to construct a 6.5 km tar sealed access road, plus a creek bridge? And, secondly, and very importantly, would it be at EPYC Corporate expense, and not at our taxpayers' expense? Could you please answer?

**Scenario Three ....** In concert with Scenario Two, a serious analysis and feasibility impact study would need to be carried out on the topography of the access 6.5 km dirt road that would be carrying the massive, extremely long, heavy, payload of pylons and other heavy equipment, and cement trucks to the proposed site of 13 Jupiter Windmills. Especially of concern is the load bearing capability of the en route cattle grids, and their width. And, particularly especially of concern, the requirement of a topographical analysis and feasibility impact study of accessing, and crossing the river ford, -- the sharp bends in the road approaching the creek/stream; then the drop down into the frail cement bedded creek/stream; followed by the sharp rise in the bank, and then another bend out of the creek/stream. Very much also in question is the load bearing capability of the narrow cemented creek bed crossing, that would have to withstand continual ongoing heavy load traffic for the purpose of erecting and maintaining 13 massive 174 metre high Jupiter Windmill pylons; plus all the accompanying infrastructure. Also in question, is the problem of how the extremely long loads would physically get round the corners accessing and egressing the creek/stream??

Add to that, there is also a requirement for an ecological impact analysis and study of what they are likely to disturb, endanger and ruin at the creek. I know there are platypus there, but we would need to know what else there is there, and unique, and at risk? This is a dirt road/track that is not considered a short cut through road, but purely a means for local dwellers' and farmers' access and egress. If you are brave, you can persevere and come out the other end of the dirt road near Braidwood, but it is not really advisable.

Any change to the dirt road, or the creek/stream crossing, carried out because of the advent of the ***Jupiter monstrosities*** would be detrimental to, and very much adversely impact upon the sheer environmental integrity and charm of the Mulloon area.

These are all good reasons why people have chosen to live in this area, and you, as a NSW Govt. Department, are actually contemplating allowing it all to be pulled apart. What is to be gained here? Very little, except for lining one individual local property owner's pocket, plus a Corporate revenue gain for a non-Australian foreign off-shore enterprise from Spain!!!

All this at a huge environmental, financial, and stress/consternation health cost to locals, who just want to go quietly about their business and live their lives, without the unbelievable hindrance and upheaval the NSW Dept. of Planning and Environment has already caused, and is contemplating giving approval to.

**Scenario Four....** This next scenario is that you are not just contemplating the erection of 13 massive windmills that permanently quietly and silently operate. NO!! They are noisy – I've been with them in Europe. Not only that – you would be ***creating a permanent industrial site*** in a pristine bush locals inhabited settlement area. Creating a permanent industrial site complete with substation; sheds; vehicles; machinery; workshop; access roads; overhead and underground transmission lines, concrete batching plants and temporary construction compounds, with a permanent operations and maintenance building.

All ***permanent*** ongoing, noisy, servicing, infrastructure activity, overruling all other forms of long established habitation of the area – in both human form, and flora and fauna form.

**Scenario Five ....** Local inhabitants, who, as a group, are most concerned to conserve local nature, have been hugely elated for a while now, to have locally found a small isolated population of Glossy Black-Cockatoos that have taken up residence and are nesting in the immediate area. Quoted from The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage – "The species has become regionally extinct in parts of western Victoria and south-eastern South Australia... .. Scientists think that to breed successfully, glossy black-cockatoos need food trees to be near their nest trees. **Fragmentation of habitat reduces the chances of successful breeding.**" - Unquote. In NSW the Glossy Black-Cockatoo is considered, quote - "endangered" and "vulnerable". – Unquote. I do have for you the contact details for one local knowledgeable Ornithologist if you would like to confer. Just think for one minute -The advance of your proposed massive machinery input depleting, or wiping out local rare, endangered, or vulnerable flora and fauna is just something really terrible to have to contemplate. You are most likely sitting in the city right now adjudicating the Spaniards' proposal with, maybe, no idea about our bush and birds etc., that are slowly, but surely gradually disappearing because of projects like this. Even you, the

adjudicator, with great respect, must have a conscience, both as a Govt. Dept. and a personal one.

**QUESTION 3:** In view of the fact that the Mulloon proposed 13 Jupiter Wind Turbine site location is 31 kms distant from Tarago, in a completely different area, have you done, or do you intend to do a specific research, analysis, and environmental impact study prior to making decisions?? If you have not, may I earnestly ask that an environmental impact study is carried out before any other consideration is entered into please? – No matter how long it might take. May I also respectfully request that the impact study be done by *secure impartial* people of your choosing, and not by those chosen by the applicants please?

**Scenario Six ....** Assuming you gave the go-ahead and these unbelievable monstrosities were built....

**QUESTION 4:** Technology and science both advance at a terrifying speed these days. Please answer, what contractual back-up do you have with the Spaniards for them to pull these 13 Wind Mills down, specifically at EPYC's expense, if in five or ten years time the Wind Mills become obsolete and are of no further use??

Remember -- it would be a bit hard to make someone a long way away in Spain do something if they are not inclined to after the fact!! Especially if, maybe, they are no longer financially viable, or the company has been sold, or whatever!!

Contemplating being stuck with these '*eyesore things*' in a once beautiful area just doesn't bear thinking about.

The major reliance on power generated from masses of these awful 'blight-on-mankind' windmills in South Australia, has already brought that State and Interstate power grid systems undone through their lack of Windmill performance. The obsolescence of the Jupiter Wind Mills might be sooner than you think, or planned! – just don't get lumbered with them!

**Scenario 7 ....** Particularly in view of the fact that we are not talking about Tarago here, but 31 kms away in Mulloon.....

**QUESTION 5:** Have you been in the Mulloon area banging on doors, and speaking to locals who would be affected? It's unlikely that a lot of them, working for their mortgages etc., making ends meet, can sit down like me and take the time to use a calculated thought process. But, they will have a lot of valid points that I haven't thought of. So please, with something so terribly important, will you do this process in Mulloon?

**Scenario 8:** This is something that worries me most of all. – my Grandchildren – and their parents, but particularly the Grandchildren.

My two year old Grandson's bedroom faces directly where these monstrosities are potentially to be built. Approx 300 metres from Archie's bedroom window is the property boundary, and thence straight onto the property where the intention is to build the 13 Jupiter Windmills.

**Total distance from two year old Archie's bedroom is 1.1 to 1.2 kms. to 13 Jupiter Windmills; connecting him with the combined noise of 13 Jupiter Windmills - trying to sleep at night????!!!.**

**Plus, connecting him with the combined visual pollution of 13 Jupiter Windmills overshadowing the home every single morning when he wakes up – extreme close visual pollution on every single day of 13 Jupiter Windmills; each one 174 metres high – 40 metres higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge!!!!** When he goes to play on the verandah, there again would be 13 Jupiter Windmills up close, obliterating beautiful distant views.

2 year old Archie and his sister Amelia would be scarred for life if you allow this crazy project to proceed - to the detriment of the health of this whole family.

The unbelievable bottom line is that the Dept. of NSW Planning and Environment would potentially be prepared to expend the lives and well being of my son Christopher, partner Naomi, and Grandchildren Archie and Amelia just for the benefit of the avarice of one individual property owner next door, and, the benefit of the Corporate financial gain of EPYC and some person sitting in Spain!!!

Add to that the NSW potential of copying the South Australia State debacle, plus the potential of early obsolescence of these monstrosities; all in the **supposed** name of some cheaper more efficient electricity!! **IT JUST DOES NOT ADD UP!!!**

**QUESTION 6:** Have you done a psychological and psychiatric impact study on young children forced to live virtually right under 13 Jupiter Windmills, plus projecting the cumulative effect to their later adult life? If not, then I strongly suggest you make sure you get one done.

**Scenario 9:** Remember the requirement for Duty of Care.

**Scenario 10:** My son and his family chose to live on the 100 acres for the peace and quiet, and pleasure of living in the bush, with a cow, a pony, and a sheep. It caused the imposition of my son driving an awful lot more kms each day for work, but he is prepared to do this so they can all live in the bush. To get there you have to drive through a stream, which sometimes cuts them off for days when flooding, And the 6.5 km access public dirt road in, is somewhat of a dirt track. In spite of this, they love it – that is, until now, with the black cloud of potential invasion by EPYC.

The NSW Dept. of Planning and Environment has allowed (made) this whole family's existence go on hold, and they now live from day to day on tenterhooks and intrepidation, fearing how they would manage it.

They have a big mortgage, The pundits are saying that if this project is allowed to proceed, this family will lose immediately between 35% – 45% of the value of their property.

Basically, the property becomes unsaleable.

Due to the particularly close planning of the proximity of these 13 Jupiter Windmills to my son's family home.....

**QUESTION 7:** What are the alternatives? In the light of EPYC proposal, and the NSW Dept. Planning & Environment allowing it to get this far, do you offer current market price - (before this Jupiter Wind Farm Project was announced) - value compensation for allowing a dramatic loss in value if the Project is allowed to go through? Or, does EPYC offer the same market value in compensation, or, does EPYC buy this property too at that same market value as compensation?? Or, do both your NSW Dept. of Planning & Environment and the Spaniards just walk away with your heads in the air? With the utmost respect, rest assured this is not going to go away if it goes through.

**Scenario 11:** The intention of EPYC to use turbines at the Jupiter Wind Farm Mulloon site that are a different size to those already established in Australia MUST disqualify EPYC from using any existing impact analysis survey data, already used in Australia for different sized turbines.

This is a whole new exercise for the NSW Dept. of Planning & Environment, and the arrival of the Spaniards in our country with their different turbines makes it a whole new ball game. This demands non-acceptance, and demands EPYC revert back to base one, with brand new impact studies to be done for every aspect of establishing a site at Mulloon, and elsewhere. Previous comparative impact studies for other areas, and other sized turbines are not acceptable. Also unacceptable are European impact analysis studies.

**Scenario 12:** To date, you have incorporated the Mulloon Jupiter Wind Mill Farm Project together with the Tarago Jupiter Wind Mill Farm Project. BUT, they are 31 kms apart from each other, and in very different circumstances.

**QUESTION 8:** Please will you, from here on, look at Mulloon as a different and separate proposition for the new impact studies and analysis that now need to be done??

**IN SUMMARY:** For strength of emphasis, I reiterate what I said before ..... the advent of the ***Jupiter monstrosities*** would be detrimental to, and very much adversely impact upon the sheer environmental charm and integrity of the Mulloon family inhabited bush district.

The reasons given before are all good reasons why people have chosen to live in the area. And, you, as a major important NSW Govt. Department, is actually contemplating allowing it all to be pulled apart.

What is to be gained here? Very little, except for lining one individual local property owner's pocket, plus a Corporate revenue gain for a non-Australian foreign off-shore enterprise from Spain!!! Plus, some likely short term power input to the questionable grid, together with an undermining threat of early obsolescence. All this at a huge environmental, financial, and stress/consternation health cost to locals, who just want to go quietly about their business and live their lives, without the unbelievable hindrance and upheaval of life that the NSW Dept. of Planning and Environment has already created, and is contemplating giving approval to.

Europe doesn't have our sun – so they have these terrible wind turbines. We do have the sun – so we can have solar as a better passive power source, and much, much less intrusion. And, at less cost I believe. Please think about it?

I have detailed above my quantified objections with rationale for The Jupiter Wind Farm Project not to proceed in the vicinity of Mulloon, and respectfully submit these objections to you for your analysis, evaluation, consideration, and due deliberation. In your final adjudication may I respectfully ask that you imagine yourself and your family placed in the dire predicament, and consternation, and intrepidation my family now have unwittingly been placed in, through absolutely no fault of their own.

If you insist there is a place for these ***Jupiter monstrosities***, then go out into the real 'never-never' and erect them there – NOT right in amongst close habitation, and especially not 1200 metres close to my two year old Grandson's bedroom window.

**DROP THE MULLOON JUPITER WIND FARM PROJECT!!**

Yours sincerely,

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