

To whom it may concern,

I wish to submit my objection to the Jupiter Wind Farm near Tarago in NSW for the following reasons.

1. Visual Impact:

Based on the current development application for the Jupiter Wind Farm the country views from our property will be severely impacted by the installation of these turbines which will take over the landscape to the detriment of our country lifestyle and the reason we purchased a property in the country. There will be an overwhelming feeling created by these huge structures towering over and surrounding our property.

There is a large powerline installation that will run through our property which will involve construction works as well as the visual and health impacts associated with such a high voltage power line. This would also change our electrical easement size and reduce the size of our building envelope and change the potential uses of our land surrounding these structures.

The other major issue of the visual impact assessment of the Jupiter Wind Farm on properties is there is no quantification or guidelines as to what is impacts to a person or property, it has been left to interpretation by a so called "expert" who will be appointed by the government. It is my belief that a visual impact cannot be assessed without guidelines to work to as well as the emotional feelings that a landowner may feel.

2. Health Impacts:

To this day there has not been enough independent testing of the physical health impacts of wind turbines whether it be from infrasound or any other sound or vibrations emitted to satisfy myself that it would be an acceptable risk to have these turbines erected so closely to my residence and my family.

There has been well publicised and documented reports on the noise created by wind turbines and although this can be reduced in the home by window glazing or insulation in the external walls of the building, there is nothing that can be done about the noise that will be emitted throughout the farm effecting work that is being conducted on persons working outdoors as well as impacts on livestock and native animals.

3. Financial Costs:

After personal conversations with real estate agents and evidence from areas already impacted by wind turbines we could expect a decrease of our property value of up to 50%, rendering us almost bankrupt.

We would be stuck in a house that we cannot leave due to the debt and no prospect of selling the property to recover the debts. This to myself and other residence is unacceptable, especially when there is no recourse or compensation to be paid be from EPYC Pty Ltd or the

State/National government that would cover the losses incurred in the property depreciation and relocation costs.

4. Fire Risk:

In recent months there has been two out of control fires, the Boro fire and the Currandooley fires.

The Currandooley fire was started at a nearby wind farm, reportedly by a bird strike in high voltage power lines installed for the wind farm. This fire then went on to burn over 3000 ha of land in our area only missing our residence by a short distance. The Currandooley Wind farm can be directly attributed to the cause of the fire in our area and the thought of more wind farm developments in the area is too large a fire risk to be ignored.

Both the Boro and the Currandooley fires were brought under control with great work from the NSW Rural Fire Service but could not of been done without the support of the aerial water bombers which included helicopters and large fire bombing aircraft, the largest being a DC10 aerial bomber.

The Jupiter Wind Farm would prevent the use of aerial bombers to fight fires which would potentially put over 150 homes in the area under direct threat from a future fire.

There has not been adequate fire planning and risk management put into place in the EIS submitted for the Jupiter Wind Farm which would negate the fire risk in the area.

5. Viability Objection;

Other than the previously mentioned reasons for the rejection of the wind farm, I don't believe as a tax payer I should be subsidising a venture which is not financially viable without direct funding from State and National government to produce power that is already being produced for a cheaper price.

The power generated from this farm is not to be used locally, therefore the locals will not be benefiting in any way by its construction or its "green" power. The power will be shifted to other areas in NSW or to ACT.

If there is a need to generate power for other areas of the country by wind turbines it is my belief that those local communities should be installing wind farms in their immediate location and not in other communities not requiring such electricity generation. It is well known that many properties in the area are using their own solar power to power their homes and in many cases return power to the grid.

This is an example of individuals already paying a premium to generate power off the grid and produce green energy in the area.

The reasons outlined in this submission as well as the overwhelming community objection to the Jupiter Wind Farm, should be reason enough to reject the building of the Jupiter Wind Farm in its current form or any future reincarnations of it outright.

The installation of a wind farm of any size would negatively effect the rural residential (not just a "rural") nature of the area, destroying the country ambience and lifestyle that so many people purchased their blocks of land for in the area.

I hope this submission will help in rejection of the Jupiter Wind Farm in its entirety saving the investments and reasons so many people moved into this area.

Kind regards

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