

To the NSW Department of planning

My name is Linton Blundell and I am a 30 year resident of Mt Fairy road not far from the Jupiter wind farm area. I object to the Jupiter wind farm and think it should be refused.

My home is already has wind turbines several kilometres to the north. These wind turbines already make a noticeable noise at night which can resemble someone driving a tractor in the paddock outside the house and can make sleep difficult, and has woken me in the night. I am sole carer for my ageing and frail father, whose sleep is already disrupted enough. More wind turbines at Jupiter will just make this situation worse and happen more often.

Good quality sleep is important for everyone's health and what about the local kids who have to attend school in the morning? I have heard that the research into this has not even finished yet. How can you approve a wind farm before the research into health is even finished?

This area already has more than enough wind turbines and locals should not be expected to accept more. The whole region is starting to develop a reputation as a wind farm area. Home buyers already avoid it and if Jupiter is approved property values will be more affected for sure.

All wind farms expand once they get the first stage built, but they never say so when they put in the application, so no one wants to live anywhere near the edges of a wind farm.

The beautiful views which attract people to the area are being filled up with bigger and bigger turbines and people will not want to drive such a long way to live among these huge machines. They certainly are not a "tourist attraction". Its local home owners support the all local shops and businesses for the long run, much more than any wind farm company.

These turbines will also kill big raptor birds like Wedge tail Eagles and also Black Glossies and many bats including the Bent wing bat. Turbines have already killed too many of these at the Capital and Woodlawn wind farms. Do we have to kill them all? Do we really want a raptor and bat free zone around Tarago? How is this "green" power?

Many of the land owners who host the turbines don't even live on their land and others plan to move away if the wind farm is built. So they make some money and leave their neighbours to suffer the consequences, it is very immoral and obviously hurts the community.

The company proposing the wind farm is just not trusted by anyone. Everyone in the area has had bad experiences with them, they don't tell you anything in case you disagree with their wind farm.

I have operated my own Back hoe and done a lot of excavation around the area. The soils around the Jupiter zone are very unstable and wash away very easily, erosion is a constant problem once you disturb anything. This is especially so along local creeks, which run straight into the Shoal haven River. I hear the amount of earth moving required for turbine footings is absolutely huge. If these earthworks are not contained properly then one big rain will cause run off into these water ways which will sediment them and kill the fish, platypus, mussels and eels.

The concrete batching plants also represent a pollution threat with dust, noise and more water pollution into the creeks likely. The construction noise from these plants and the excavations for turbine footings will be huge. The heavy traffic will be dangerous to everyone during construction and also during ongoing maintenance.

I am a member of the RFS and have fought fires in the local area. It is obvious to anyone who has been on a fire ground that turbines will be dangerous for the choppers and planes. EPYCs idea to plant trees to screen the view is just foolish, most people around here are removing growth from around their home, not planting more.

I nearly lost my home during the Currandooly fire, it came to about 100meters from the house. If the turbines were built and the aircraft had not been free to go where they were needed and when they were needed, then things would have been much worse. My father is disabled and cannot move fast to evacuate, we absolutely depended on these aircraft.

The Jupiter wind farm should never be approved, it's not the right place for it, there are too many people living near it and it building it could mean lives are lost during fire season.

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