

Response to – SECTION 11 & ANNEX F – Landscape Character and Visual Assessment

The Director-General Department of Planning and Environment requirement for landscape character and visual assessment stated –

‘Include photomontages of the project taken from potentially affected residences and in particular from all non-host dwellings within 2km of a proposed wind turbine (including approved but not yet developed dwellings or subdivisions with residential rights), settlements and significant public view points, and provide a clear description of proposed visual amenity mitigation and management measures for both the wind farm and the transmission line. The photomontages must include representative views of turbine night lighting if proposed;

Provide an assessment of the feasibility, effectiveness and reliability of proposed mitigation measures and any residual impacts after these measures have been implemented.’

Further to this the Acting Secretary of the Department issued further DGRs to EPYC noting a large number of complaints from the community in regards to lack of consultation and other issues. In addition to these further DGRs, the Department sent EPYC a letter dated 16/10/15 stating they identified several matters that must be addressed prior to the EIS being placed on public exhibition, these matters include:

1. *‘Inadequate consultation with non-host landowners, particularly in relation to the development of potential mitigation measures’*
2. *‘Inadequate landscape and visual impact assessment:*
 - a. *The assessment does not include detailed assessment and photomontages of the potential impacts of the project on all of the non-host residences within 2km of any turbine, as required by the Secretary’s’ EARs, nor some of the critical non-host residences beyond this area where high visual impacts are predicted (particularly the Roseview Road and Lakeview Road areas); **See attachment 1***

‘Under the Goulburn Mulwaree Local LEP, the northern portion of the project is prohibited. While Clause 89 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 allows a consent authority to approve a state significant DA that is not wholly prohibited, the EIS contains insufficient consideration of:

- *The suitability of the site, paying particular attention to the growing rural-residential character of the surrounding area.’*

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Initially I had agreed to allow EPYC’s consultants onto my property to take photos for the purpose of producing photomontages and wire frames; however as the appointment date grew closer, EPYC told me they could not guarantee providing me copies of the photomontages (**see attachment 2 – email trail dated 18/3/15**). As a result I decided against allowing them onto my property for what appeared to be a 1 sided arrangement to benefit the proponent, and an obvious lack of consideration to what my needs as the property owner were, their decision not to guarantee me a copy of the photomontages to be contradictory to the DGR which stated they needed to include photomontages all non host residences within 2km of any turbine, ...During our Roseview Road group meeting with EPYC on 3 March 2016 I asked the question to EPYC,

in regards to the fact Roseview Road could not be mitigated, said to Sharoo of EPYC *'knowing now what you know about Roseview Road, that 100% of our street is against this what will you do? move the turbines?'* and Sharoo EPYC stated *'No'. 'Here to offer the benefit sharing'*.

In this same meeting EPYC stated the 'benefit sharing' amounts they had decided to offer Roseview Road Residents, this in their own words was based on proximity to turbines and no consideration to noise or visual impact. The offers made were:

Property J257, 1684m to nearest turbine:	\$5,200 annually taxable (EIS notes this property as having a 'moderate/high' visual impact)
Property J130, 1972m	: \$4,000 (EIS notes this property as 'High' visual impact)
Property J93, 2474m	: \$3,500 (EIS notes this property as a 'High' visual impact)
Property J19, 2209m	: \$3,500 (EIS notes this property as 'High' visual impact)
Property J272, 2565m	: \$3,500 (EIS notes this property as 'High' visual impact)
Property J10, 2555m	\$3,500 (EIS notes this property as 'High' visual impact)

Despite being at the meeting, property owner located between J19 and J130 was not considered for benefit sharing & is not located on the EIS map. Other property owners were not available for this particular meeting so their 'Benefit Sharing' amount was not advised by EPYC. Property between J10 and J272 is also not noted on the maps despite there being a weekender on the property and initially considered by EPYC to host.

The benefit sharing purpose remains questionable as EPYC stated this is not a payment to compensate noise or visual impact caused by the wind farm. The EIS Annex F table 'Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment (LCVIA)' assess the above Roseview Road properties as having Moderate/High to High visual impacts yet the benefit sharing offered by EPYC seems to be irrelevant and inconsistent to the affect the wind farm will have on Roseview Road, indicating EPYC have no real interest in considering the impact to this area by the wind farm and simply hoped to offer a monetary amount to the property owners.

Furthermore: Annex F, A1 spreadsheet summary titled 'Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment (LCVIA)' summaries the unmitigated and mitigated visual impacts on dwellings in regards to the above noted Roseview Road properties, the LCVIA states comments under heading 'Mitigation Effectiveness and Feasibility' such as:

Due to panoramic nature of view, any screen planting would need to be extensive. Planting would need to be in close proximity to the eastern façade of the dwelling and to a height of 10m+. Any screening would diminish the panoramic nature of the existing view

The EIS notes the effectiveness of its own mitigation measure as low or moderate.

According to the EIS, my home at Roseview Road, noted as J130 on the maps is considered to have an unmitigated visual impact rating of 'high' with the nearest turbine located 1972m from my home and around 80 turbines visible, however a large proportion of my property borders Braidwood/Goulburn Road and is significantly closer to the turbines than my home is. Roseview Road is open undulating grasslands, the area to the east, the Jupiter wind farm area is also open undulating grasslands. It was agreed by EPYC and stated by them in group meetings with Roseview Road residence on 16 October 2014 and 3 March 2016 that *'Roseview Road was exceptionally difficult to mitigate landscape view'* and Sharoo stated *"mitigation might not work for Roseview Road, happy to work with you"*.

The Clouston associates report in the EIS, in their own words states

'prominent height of the turbines will be most discernible element of the Project in these zones..''

'the greatest concentration of dwellings affected by High visual impacts is located within the Roseview Road locality. In this location there is minimal screening vegetation present and extensive panoramic views available to the east'

The EIS states upon mitigation measures of screen planting trees, my visual impact will be reduced from 'High' to 'Moderate'. Despite the above statements in regards to our landscape character; they believe they can plant trees and reduce this high visual impact to my home. I disagree; planting trees to mitigate damage to a property's views is not practicable in this instance, I state the following reasons as to why planting trees will not alleviate the high visual impact caused by turbines to my home and others on Roseveiw Road:

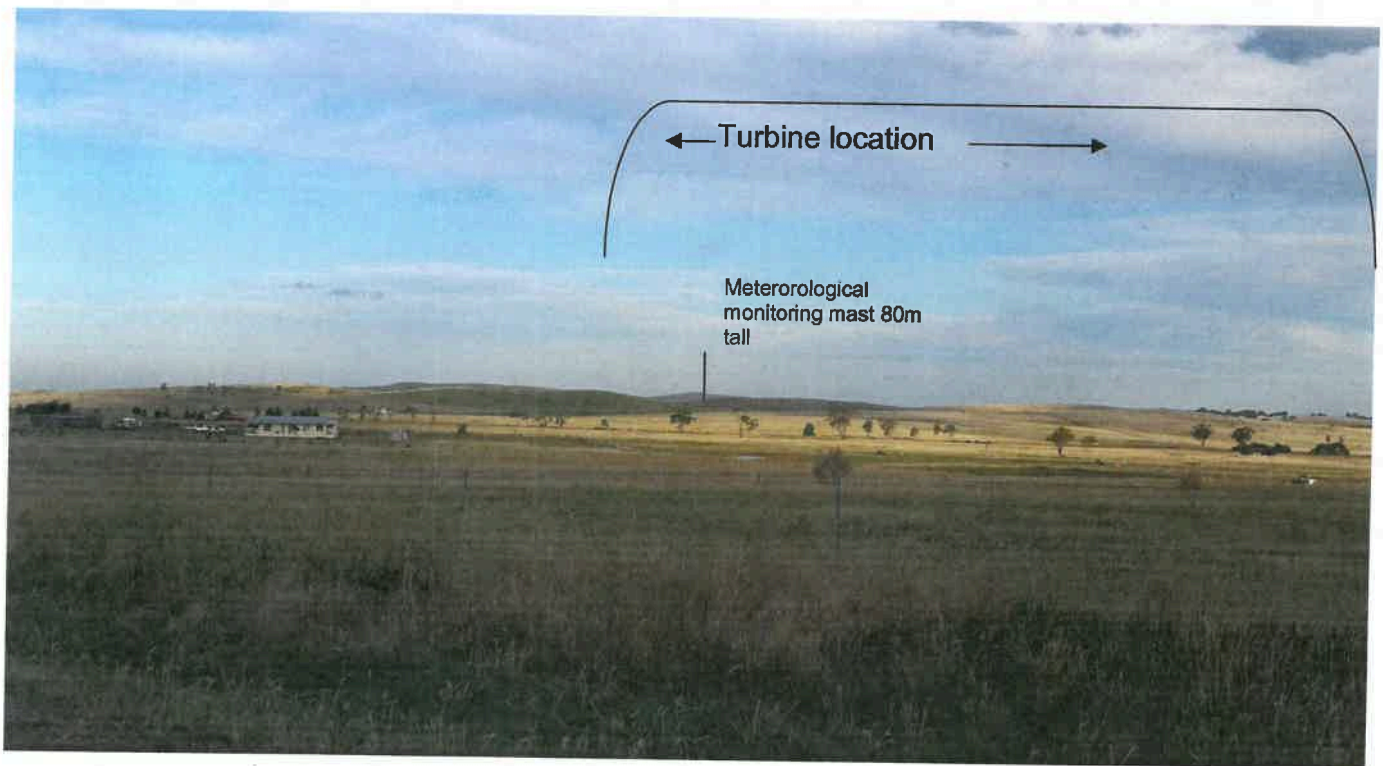
- 1) As per Figure 1 below – Actual view of my home on Roseview Rd from West showing east where Turbines will sit behind my home. This photo clearly shows the panoramic view and open grasslands of the area, proving that the visual impact of wind turbines in this area, can not be mitigated against. The EIS photomontage taken from Roseview Road fails to capture the full area of the proposed turbine location.
- 2) See Figure 3 below – Shows my current view to the east from my deck – I require visual access to my yard and paddocks immediately surrounding my home, for safety reasons, I need visibility of my 'arena paddock' to the east of my home, I need to watch my young children whilst they ride their horses and I need to be able to see the horses in my paddock, I can currently view all 11 of my paddocks from my home, I can see when my sheep have pushed through into other paddocks, I can see where my son is on the quad bike when he is out hunting, I can see when the children take the horses to round up the sheep to bring down to the yards. It is an important factor in our lifestyle that I have visibility from my home of MY property, and why shouldn't I? I paid for it, and the author of the EIS would have known this had they asked questions and factored these in.
- 3) I purchased 100 acres, to enjoy 100 acres, not to be confined visibly to my immediate home vicinity and enclosed by large trees or plants, I do not live in a forest. I like wide open spaces.
- 4) It is **not practicable** to mitigate with a measure that wont take affect for 15-20 years, as stated in the LCVIA the screening would need to be at 10m+. As proven in the January 17th 2017 Currandooly/Tarago bushfire that burnt out over 3,000 hectares, the trees can be burnt to the ground leaving the entire area open to view all, trees and shrubs are NOT an effective mitigation.
- 5) It is not practicable to consider mitigation by planting trees due to multiple variables that are likely to affect the final result; such as there is no guarantee planted trees will survive, wont be eaten by wildlife, if they die or have stunted growth, who will replace these? Who will maintain and ensure they are watered adequately? Who will fence these off from livestock? Who will compensate for reduction in land use for livestock due to fenced off areas of property owners land? If this responsibility falls onto the property owner, this would require time, money and physical commitment that many may not have, including myself, all factors in regards to this type of mitigation have not been thought through. I for one have arthritis in my hands and couldn't carry buckets of water to trees, I am also a single parent who works full time and could not commit the time that would be required to establish and grow a 'screening' from the turbines.

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- 6) There is the obvious risk, that I have already been victim to, of wildlife such as hares, rabbits, kangaroos and deer eating the trees.
- 7) The concept of mitigating by planting near homes is in contradiction to Council Development Application requirements and those set out in Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006, as stated in my Council Development Application dated March 2015, stated under 'Bushfire Requirements' the following – Noting I only have an interim occupancy certificate, failure to comply to the bush fire requirements would have me not be able to obtain a final occupancy certificate.
 1. Restrict planting in the immediate vicinity of the building with may over time and if not properly maintained come in contact with the building
 2. Maximum tree cover should be less than 30% and maximum shrub cover less than 20%
 3. Planting should not provide a continuous canopy to the building (i.e. trees or shrubs should be isolated or located in small clusters).

These Bushfire Protection DA requirements were obviously not considered as part of the EIS when they determined planting screens was the solution.

Figure 1 – View of my home at 63 Roseview Rd from West looking East to project site, definition has been given to the Meterological mast to clearly show its size on the landscape, at half the height of the proposed turbines.



Discrepancies with Wire Frames and Photomontages with the EIS

Visual amenity is personal and subjective; some can appreciate the view of bright city lights from a high rise apartment, others appreciate the vastness of being on a yacht in the middle of the ocean with nothing but blue seas surrounding you, others feel a connection to the land, to be surrounded by nature, and appreciate the minimal interference from man by way of buildings, traffic and alike.

I am concerned to read in the Jupiter Windfarm Community Consultative Committee meetings notes on 13/12/2016, page 9, questioned asked by the CCC to The Consultant Team:

Q. Are you the author of the chapter? What are your qualifications in VIA?

A. Yes. I have 10 years' experience in VIA. There are no formal qualifications just experience as a landscape architect (LA). LAs are usually the discipline that undertakes this work because of understanding of landscapes. It is a subjective field but try to bring experience to the assessment to make it more objective.

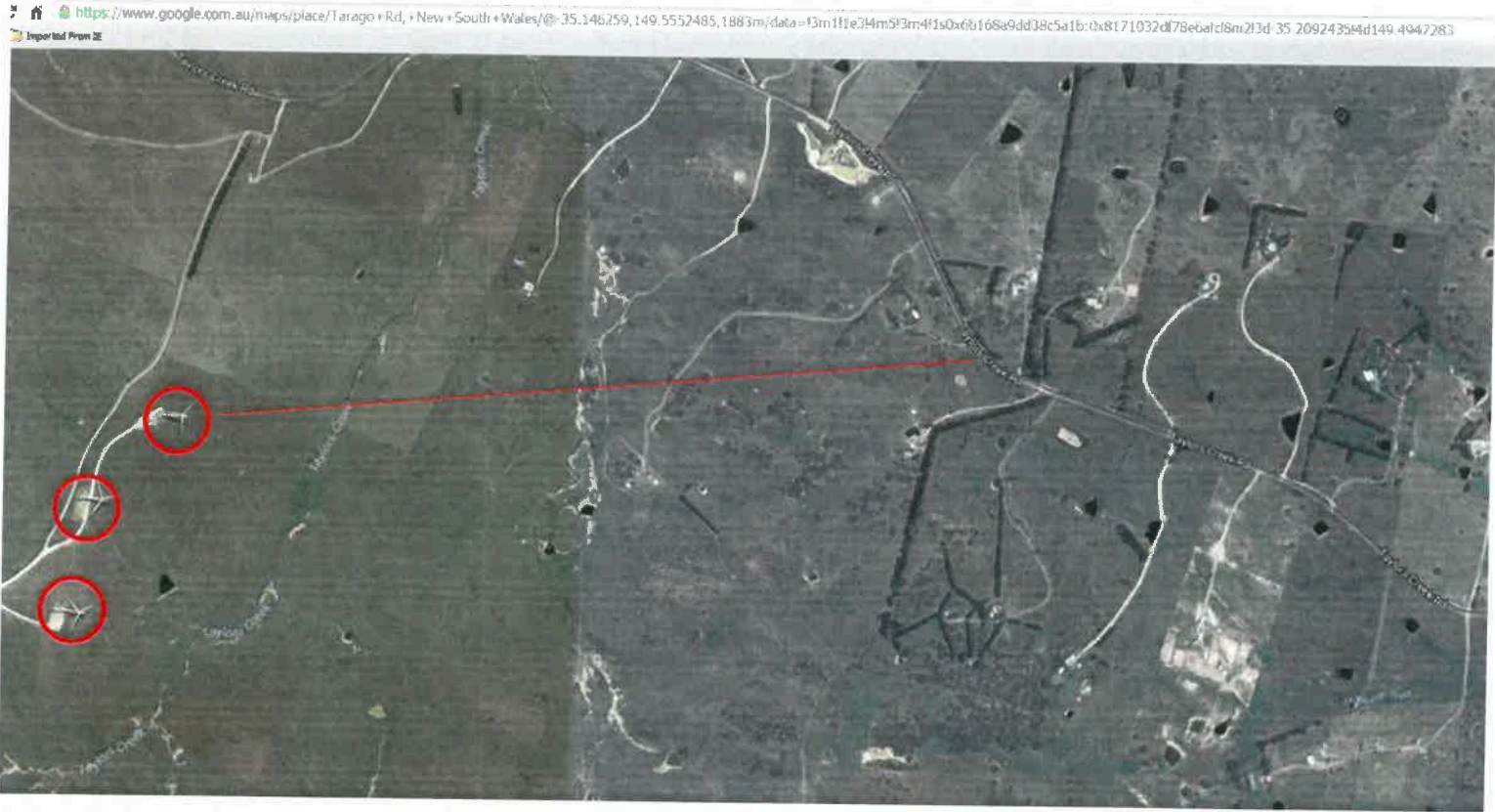
Therefore Visual Impact was conducted by someone who has no formal qualification, a rating was given to each property within the EIS, yet this was determined by a body that has no formal qualification in regards to visual impact? A body who has not consulted with property owners to identify and understand what factors of the landscape are important to residents in this area. As noted above; visual likes and dislikes differ from one person to the next, one would think that a person making findings to determine and report on impacts to a group of people would have studied and have an understanding of anthropology. The Consultant Team noted in this CCC meeting that they did not liaise with property owners that they relied on the information fed to them by the proponent, it has already been argued that consultation by the proponent has been poor that the proponent has ignored the concerns of the property owners during meetings as this is reflected in the EIS where information fed to the proponent by property owners has been omitted from the EIS, I therefore argue that Section 11 and Annex F of the EIS is of poor quality, uninformed and far from accurate.

The following images show the Capital Wind Farm via satellite image and a photo taken from the ground of the wind turbines from 2000m away. I provide these images to show that the images provided with the Jupiter EIS are far from accurate. It needs to be noted that the Capital Turbines are 80m tall, compared to the proposed Jupiter Turbines of 173m tall.

Page 66 of Annex F 'Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Report View Point 3 shows a photomontage of turbines at 1.3kms east of Braidwood Road, they are semi transparent and light grey and the figure of the turbines look not much taller than a small gumtree in the picture. Page 88 of this Annex, View point 11 from a driveway at Roseview Road shows the turbines as having a non-solid base, transparent even. As someone who is able to view first hand the turbines at Capital Wind Farm, the representation with the EIS of the turbines on the landscape are inaccurate.

You can see in the 'actual' photos from Capital Wind Farm, that the 80m tall towers, tower above the trees and the buildings located within 2kms of the turbines and are an obvious eyesore on the landscape. Now you are able to accurately imagine these at double the height to gauge a true impact that will be the Jupiter Turbines.

Figure 2 - Capital Wind Farm turbines 2000m from public road 'Taylors Creek Road'



Capital Wind Farm – Taylors Creek Rd, 2000m



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Figure 3 – View from my deck of my home which faces east to the wind turbine location showing the meteroligcal monitoring mast, which is clearer viewed via naked eye but still visible in the photo. This mast is 80m tall and is singular, the turbines in its vicinity will be 173m tall and will be approximately 60 in this area– EIS photomontages FAIL to give an accurate comparison, using the Capital Wind Farm turbine actual photos as a guide; picture the damage done to this view by the proposed turbines.



The concept of considering visual impacts to a property owner's home only and not their surrounding property is dismissive of the rural nature and character of the area, it is inconsiderate and dismissive of the right for that property owner to make practical use and enjoyable use of all the land they have purchased and again proves a terrible disconnection by the author of this section. This attitude alone of deeming that higher visual impact is relevant at a persons home rather than the rest of the property proves a city like mentality, where city people are capable of enjoying their 600m block happily ignoring the neighbours and noise of the city, this attitude ignores the fact that country people expand that joy and have a real need for a larger area of their home/property to bring them joy, some being 5acres others needing space of 100acres, meaning that this enjoyment and real need is just as relevant to a country person at the furthest paddock from their home as it is in the immediate vicinity of their home. As per below Figure 4, my 100acres largely borders the Braidwood/Tarago road, placing that portion of my property between 1000m-1500m to a high number of turbines. This area of my property forms more then half of my land area, this part of my property is used to exercise my competition horses. My children and I ride our horses along our boundary fences as a gauge to calculate the distance travelled by the horses, it is also used to educate young and inexperienced horses out on a trail ride, the presence of wind turbines so close to my property, will pose a safety risk to the riders and these horses, horses are flight animals, which means they react with speed at something they consider to be a risk to their safety, this can be noise, objects, or things over head. I have been forced to get off my horse when helicopters travel over head due to the risk of the horse taking off, and yet the turbines will remain a permanent figure, moving and making noises and not an occasional occurrence such a helicopter. There will be shadow flicker and noise from the turbines that WILL have an impact on the horses I have on my property and will pose a risk to people riding them, the addition of turbines near my property will therefore remove the current use I have of my this part of my property, these lifestyle factors have to be considered by the Department of Planning when assessing the impact to surrounding properties.

Figure 4 – location of my 100acre property to the proposed wind turbine area



The EIS Private Receptors View Point 11 – shows 34 wind turbines visible from Roseview Road, it also shows all the turbine blades at the same point of turn, as if all moving in sync with

each other and frozen in time. We know this to be incorrect and in fact turbine blades move out of sync with each other and therefore give the actual real life appearance of being much busier to the eye than depicted in this photo.

The 2011 Draft NSW Planning Guidelines: Wind Farms states the following –

Mitigating landscape and visual amenity impacts

The feasibility, effectiveness and reliability of proposed mitigation measures should be assessed. The extent of any residual impacts left over after mitigation measures have been implemented should also be described. Examples of mitigation measures that proponents can use to reduce the visual impact of a proposed wind farm include:

- *where possible, locate turbines:*
 - i. *away from areas with high scenic values*
 - ii. *away from areas with high visibility from local residents*
- *select turbines that :*
 - i. *look the same, have the same height and rotate the same way*
 - ii. *are off-white or grey colouring*
- *minimise the removal of vegetation*
- *plant vegetation to provide a visual screen*

I draw your attention to the first bullet point above. The Jupiter Wind Farm Proposal and its affect on Roseview Road in complete contradiction to this bullet point. In EPYC's own EIS they have noted this particular area of the project as highly scenic, the Department of Planning also in media releases and letters of rejection (dated 16/10/15) to EPYC as well as during site visits, have given reference to the scenic nature of this area.

Appendix B – Photomontages and Wire Frames

Not a true representation, far from it, as the 80m tall wind meteorological monitoring mast, which is visible to the eye when looking at it in the wind farm proposed area, has been omitted from the photomontage 4-Roseview Road.

In summary I have provided evidence that the EIS – landscape character and visual assessment fails to adequately address the impact and provide effective measure against the high impact of the Jupiter Wind Farm project to this area:

- The approach taken by EPYC is a '1 box fits all' approach, with no alternative being offered, as per meeting notes with EPYC, with no room for negotiation or movement by the proponent.
- No consideration given to the variables that I noted above, in regards to the proponents mitigation option, proving the attempt to mitigate by screen planting would not suit this area.
- The EIS is in contradictory to the 2011 Draft NSW Planning Guidelines as it states to locate turbines **away** from areas such as Roseview Road and away from areas with high visibility from local residents.
- The EIS fails to adequately address the issues noted in the NSW Department of Planning & Environment letter to EPYC in regards to Roseview Road and visual impact dated 16/10/15.

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- No consideration and assessment has been done in regards to how and why residents use their land, no questions were ever asked by EPYC or their consultants to gauge a better understanding of the impact the wind farm would have.
- My actual photos and comparison photos prove the visually high impact the wind farm will have on this area and proves mitigation by screening is not a viable option.
- The LCVIA spreadsheet summary of unmitigated and mitigated visual impact states effectiveness of mitigating Roseview Road properties as low, stating extensive screening of heights of 10m+ would be needed to reduce the impact. This spreadsheet alone finds in favour of my argument that the visual impact on Roseview Road can not be mitigated, it is not a suitable site for a wind farm.
- An unfair, uneducated, uninformed removal within the EIS of the importance an 'entire' property has to an individual country person, rounding up my sheep and seeding my back paddocks that will be 1000m or so from the proposed turbines, bring me as much pleasure as sitting on my deck.
- It needs to be noted that majority of the non hosting property owners purchased their properties prior to 2014 and the Palerang Council Local Environmental Plan taking effect, abolishing Land Zoning RU2 Rural Landscape (which is what my property was zoned at).



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Dear Mr Eid

Jupiter Wind Farm Project (SSD 13_6277)

The Department has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jupiter Wind Farm Project to determine whether it is suitable for public exhibition, and whether the Department should accept the Development Application (DA) for the project.

During this review, the Department has identified several matters that must be addressed prior to the EIS being placed on public exhibition.

These matters include:

1. Inadequate consultation with affected non-host landowners, particularly in relation to the development of potential mitigation measures to address predicted exceedances of relevant criteria or significant impacts. This is particularly important given the fact that there are 59 non-host residences and 4 approved non-host residences located within 2 kilometres of the project's turbines.
2. Inadequate landscape and visual impact assessment:
 - the assessment does not include a detailed assessment and photomontages of the potential impacts of the project on all of the non-host residences within 2 kilometres of any turbine, as required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements, nor some of the critical non-host residences beyond this area where high visual impacts are predicted (particularly the Roseview Road and Lakeview Road areas);
 - there is insufficient consideration of the specific mitigation measures that could be implemented to avoid and / or minimise the high or moderate - high visual impacts of the project: the assessment relies on generic planting measures and there is little evidence of any meaningful consultation with the affected landowners or the consideration of alternative mitigation measures such as the use of negotiated agreements.
3. Flaws in the noise impact assessment:
 - The assessment does not comply with *ISO 9613-2 Acoustics - Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors - Part 2: General method of calculation*, and uses a modified method that has not been endorsed for use in NSW by the Department or the Environment Protection Authority;

- the assessment uses the IEC 61400-11 standard rather than ISO 1996.2 standard to assess the potential tonality impacts of the project, as required by the draft *NSW Planning Guidelines Wind Farms* (2011);
 - failure to provide the minimum quantity of worst case data points in accordance with the relevant South Australian guidelines, and to justify the low data coefficients (R^2 values); and
 - insufficient consideration of the specific mitigation measures that could be implemented to avoid any exceedances of the relevant noise criteria, including the use of negotiated agreements.
4. Lack of consultation or evidence of agreement with Airservices Australia about the scope of the study for air navigation facilities, and that a detailed study could be deferred to the post approval stage of the project.
 5. Insufficient detail on the proposed 33 kV transmission line to enable its potential impacts to be properly assessed, and no land owner's consent from the relevant road authorities for the lodgement of the DA in areas where the transmission line is located within public road reserves.
 6. Lack of detail on the nature of the agreements with involved landowners, and the extent to which these agreements cover the potential impacts of the project.

Under the *Goulburn Mulwaree Local Environmental Plan* (LEP), the northern portion of the project is prohibited. While Clause 89 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* allows a consent authority to approve a State Significant Development application that is not wholly prohibited, the EIS contains insufficient consideration of:

- the project against the aims, objectives and other provisions of the LEP, or reasons why the project should be approved notwithstanding the prohibitions in the LEP; and
- the suitability of the site, paying particular attention to the growing rural - residential character of the surrounding area.

For these reasons, the Department has decided to reject the DA under Clause 51 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

I would appreciate it if you would revise the EIS to address these issues, and submit the DA and revised EIS to the Department as soon as practicable.

The Department would be happy to meet with you to discuss any of these matters in more detail.

Yours sincerely

 16/10/15

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attachment 2

Martin, Leonie MRS

From: Ibrahim Eid [ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 March 2015 2:58 PM
To: Martin, Leonie MRS
Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Leonie,

I think there may be a misunderstanding of the points raised in my email. Until all the photos are taken and reviewed, it would be difficult to say which photos will be further processed to photomontages. It is only logical that, where the viewpoint of neighbouring properties are different, individual photomontages are created from each one. Similarly, where the neighbouring properties have the same view of the project area, one representative photomontage will be prepared and referenced for those properties with that viewpoint.

It is important to reiterate the critical point in this process, which is if your viewpoint to the proposed wind farm is different from that of your neighbours, then a specific photomontage will be created for your property. If it is the same as your neighbours then only one photo is required and you will both have the same photomontage to represent your property. This will be referenced in the EIS. Hence through EIS, you will have access to a photomontage which represents your property's viewpoint whether the photo is taken from your house or your neighbour's house.

I acknowledge you live on acreage and neighbours aren't as close to each other. However you are looking at a proposed project in the distance which is almost 2km at the nearest point and approximately 7km to the farthest point south east and north of Boro road. Hence if you and your neighbour have the same viewpoint, then whether you look in the distance from your house or 300m closer, the view may be the same. As mentioned above, until all the photos are taken from various viewpoints and these are assessed, it will be difficult to know if two properties have the same viewpoint or not.

We hope that our explanations have clarified any misunderstanding about the process for taking photos and progressing to photomontages. Hence, our offer still stands.

Please note that we will not be attending your property unless you authorise us by close of business today. The team is on site tomorrow and they need to make the appropriate arrangements with various owners for the photomontages.

We hope to hear back from you shortly.

From: Martin, Leonie MRS [mailto:leonie.martin@defence.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 March 2015 10:33 AM
To: Ibrahim Eid
Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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I understand all your points below, however you have not taken into consideration the situation from 'our' perspective. You have not met my requirements, I understand you would have a large number of photos, I understand there is a time and cost involved to put together the photomontages, as you are willing to pay people to host turbines, in my opinion you can spend a small amount of your resources on assisting the other members of the community, who are not gaining from the project financially, by providing them with a personalised photomontage of THEIR home. We live on acreage, our neighbour is not 3 meters over the fence like a city house. I've explained to you that I do not want to know the view of the turbines from my

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neighbours property, despite any similarities, I want the view from MY house. I cant be clearer on that and It seems I am not the only person feeling this objection of EPYCs to invest some time and funds to meet the needs of those residents that you are not in contract with.

I will not have your consultants on my property tomorrow

With thanks Leonie Martin

From: Ibrahim Eid [<mailto:ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au>]
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To: Martin, Leonie MRS
Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Dear Leonie,

Taking photos from different properties perspective towards the proposed wind farm area is only one step in the process. Creating photomontages are another task all together. By taking photographs from all possible viewpoints, the consultants will be able to ensure that they have the best opportunity to ensure that the visual aspect of the proposed wind farm is taken into consideration and is reported in the EIS. The photo is used as a background in the photomontage.

As discussed previously, given the large number of photos that will be taken, the consultants will then assess if the view point from a property is the same as the dwelling next door. For example if different, each dwelling will have their own photomontage generated, if very much the same, one photomontage will be identified to represent both properties. Photomontages are not produced with ease and each one takes time to complete.

Please consider allowing our consultant to take the required photos from your property's view point towards the proposed wind farm. You had earlier on indicated that you would participate in the process of photos being taken from your dwelling's viewpoint for the photomontages. However, we will respect your wishes should you decide that you wouldn't want to participate. Our consultant will be on site tomorrow and we will need to make the final arrangements for the visit, hence, would appreciate it if you could confirm whether we are permitted to enter your property with our consultant for the purpose of taking photos.

We look forward to hearing back from you and hopefully to see you tomorrow.

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Thanks Ibs, again, he will be at my property taking photos, they are the photos I would like Im certain they have the technology to produce these photomontages with ease. My request was to have copies of these. I understand your position, however my request is fair, I'm not asking they submit my photomontage in the DA, I am asking whilst they are at it, provide me a copy of my place.

My below statement stands, if they cant meet my request, I am not participating in this.

With thanks

Leonie

From: Ibrahim Eid [<mailto:ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au>]
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Hi Leonie,

There are two scenarios:-

- 1) If your proposed dwelling has the same view as your neighbour the consultant will use the best photo to represent the two dwellings and use that for the photomontage. If the consultant determines it is best to use the photo from your neighbour's property then this is representative of your property. It will be the consultants decision which property the photomontage is produced from hence EPYC can't guarantee you a photomontage from your dwelling,
- 2) If your proposed dwelling has a different view of the project area than your neighbour the consultant will then need to produce two photomontages to represent the view from each property.

Either scenario above will produce a photomontage representative of your property. Hence as mentioned before it is public information and if you cannot access it for whatever reason we will then provide you with a copy. There will also be copies placed at each council and on the department of planning website.

Please let me know if the above is not clear or requires further explanation.

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From: Martin, Leonie MRS [<mailto:leonie.martin@defence.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2015 9:34 AM
To: Ibrahim Eid
Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Oh well that's disappointing as I had said in my email months ago, that I would like the photos that are relevant to my property and if they are going to be at my property taking photos, then surely they can oblige this request as a gesture of good will towards compromising/negotiating with the community that is affected? I am taking a day off work to be there for it, if I can not be guaranteed the photomontages then I do not wish to be involved. I really think EPYC should be making an effort to meet such a small request.

Also, not providing me copies of the montages was omitted from all other contact I have made with you on this matter, I am only now hearing of this, again this is disappointing and furthermore feeds my frustration with dealing with your company.

Entry onto my property is conditional on the provision of EPYC and ERM providing me the photomontage from my property.

With thanks

Leonie Martin

From: Ibrahim Eid [<mailto:ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2015 09:21
To: Martin, Leonie MRS
Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Leonie,

The consultant will not develop a photo into a photomontage if it is not going to be published.

In some cases where neighbours have the same view of the wind farm the consultant will choose the best photo and use that for the photomontage. If a photo montage is published for the DA it is public information and you can access this. If you can't view, download or print it for whatever reason I am sure we could provide you a copy.

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From: Martin, Leonie MRS [<mailto:leonie.martin@defence.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2015 8:33 AM
To: Ibrahim Eid

6/02/2017

Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Thanks again, as per my previous email on the matter dated 19th December, which was sent to yourself requesting that I am provided copies of the photomontages wether they are used for submission, published or not, for my own reference. Are you please able to confirm you are able to meet this request?

With thanks

Leonie Martin

From: Ibrahim Eid [<mailto:ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au>]

Sent: Monday, 16 March 2015 15:26

To: Martin, Leonie MRS

Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Leonie,

I will be the contact for Thursday as I will guide the consultants to each dwelling. A subcontractor is being used for the photo montages whom I have not met yet. Work is being arranged through ERM.

Look forward to seeing you Thursday.

Kind regards.

Ibrahim (ibs) Eid

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From: Martin, Leonie MRS [<mailto:leonie.martin@defence.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 16 March 2015 2:25 PM

To: Ibrahim Eid

Subject: RE: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Thank you Ibs, I will be home on Thursday for the photos to be taken. Please confirm what 'consultant' (company) will be doing this

With thanks

Leonie Martin

From: Ibrahim Eid [<mailto:ibrahim.eid@epyc.com.au>]

6/02/2017

Sent: Monday, 16 March 2015 14:23
To: Martin, Leonie MRS
Subject: Photomontages for the proposed Jupiter wind farm

Dear Leonie;

We apologise for the time taken to arrange the photomontages for the Proposed Jupiter wind farm. The weather has not been very kind and we require clear sunny days to take suitable photos.

We have a clear sunny day forecast for this Thursday the 19th hence our consultant has confirmed they will attend site to undertake the required photography from private residence. As you can appreciate there are a large number of photos to be taken from private residence. It is anticipated that we will be at each location for approximately 15-20minutes.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could ensure that the consultant can access your property on Thursday. We are appreciative of your time and understand that you could be busy during the day. If you would not be available on the day can you please advise the approximate coordinates or a map showing the location of your proposed dwelling so we can arrange the photo to be taken from there.

It is anticipated that we will be at your property between 9am-930am.

Should there be any access/timing issues please inform us by close of business day Wednesday 18th Feb.

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