

Submission to the Jupiter Wind Farm EIS on Public Exhibition

Misrepresentation of the project area

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the assessment of the proposed Jupiter Wind Farm currently on Public Exhibition. I oppose this proposal on the grounds that the area immediately surrounding the PA is largely rural subdivisions and is trending consistently in this direction. The dense population in the affected area means that the impacts of this development will be unacceptably high. Any assessment of this wind farm must take into account the suitability of the site, and the fact that this wind farm can be built in a more appropriate location. In weighing advantages and disadvantages of the current site selection, please note that this proposal has not given consideration to an alternative site in both its original development application and the current EIS. I will enlarge on these points in my other submissions. This submission concentrates on the misrepresentation of the area surrounding the PA in the Jupiter Wind Farm EIS.

In the Executive Summary E3 Site Analysis, the proponent describes the area in and around the PA as

“The PA and broader region consists of extensively cleared farm land and hill formations...

Farm land within the PA is predominantly used for commercial grazing with isolated lots used for personal cropping. The hill formations consist of both cleared and light density tree coverage (refer Photograph E.1). Remnant bushland and more heavily vegetated areas, including the Tallaganda National Park are located adjacent to the southern boundary of the PA. A number of other protected National Parks and Nature Reserves are also located within approximately 3-5 km from the PA”

And this is the photograph EPYC have provided to best convey the true nature of the area. A paddock with a tussock. Note the absence of a shed, a fence, a house, a road.

Photograph E.1 Typical Landscape of the Project Area (ERM 2015)



There are places in Sydney that could be presented in the same way. A skilful choice of location, a careful camera angle. But it would not be representational. It would provide a false picture.

A picture tells a thousand lies.

EPYC persist in their description of the project area and its surrounds as sparsely populated farmland.

Even though within the EIS itself, which surely EPYC have read, the number of dwellings that will be impacted by the proposal is in the hundreds. And that does not include properties that have DA entitlements, and have not as yet been developed. For some reason they have been omitted. The problem of just too many to deal with?

What makes this stubborn refusal to describe the PA and its surrounds accurately even more inexplicable, is the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's feedback at the time EPYC's first attempt at the EIS was rejected. One of the reasons given was that EPYC had "not fully considered the compatibility of the project with local planning controls and the emerging rural-residential nature of the area"...and... "it has not met its requirements and that more work needs to be done on these issues before any application could go on public exhibition"

If the current document is indicative of higher quality, then the assessment of quality is comparative only.

Meetings of the JCCC have resulted in many discussions where community representatives have attempted to explain to EPYC the high population surrounding the project area. It falls on deaf ears. We were repeatedly told the area is RU1 and the NSW Department of Planning is in error.

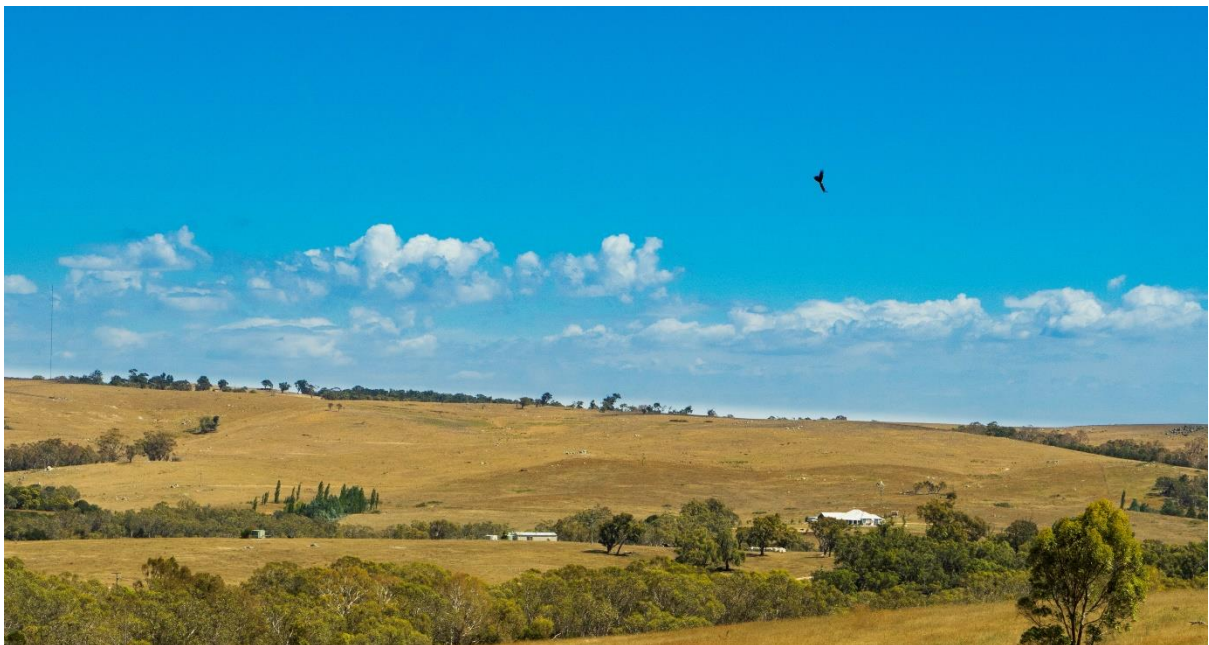
I provide an alternate snapshot of my community. Let the pictures speak for themselves.

A snapshot only. Just as EPYC have found, it is too onerous a job to include all dwellings. There are just too many

The following photographs were taken in January 2017. All photographs were taken from public roads

Mulloon

Where the eagles fly







Duckfield

A hidden Retreat





Barnet

The Sanctuary







Boro

The Long Road





Roseview

The Panorama View

