

I object to the proposed Jupiter wind farm project. We recently experienced two raging grass fire incidents that severely burnt over 3000 hectares of land. One property was lost, along with sheds, vehicles, feed and most importantly grassy woodland habitat for an array of species, each impacting on the other. Ranging the burnt paddocks there is nothing left to accommodate to provide species with foraging cover.

We are in an area that is prone to fire and also happens to be in a high wind area with high voltage power lines going through. I would urge the proponents and the dept of planning to seriously consider that further infrastructure adding to this is out of the question.

Nothing is worth the loss of life and this is what we face by introducing industrial developments that seriously affect the ability of the NSW Rural Fire Service to effectively fight fire.

It is **your responsibility** to minimise risk to the significant population that resides in this rural residential area.

As a member of the Rural Fire Service I spent several days supporting the fire crews that operated through the area. We had 25 trucks and 13 aircraft including helicopters and fixed wing. Without the aerial support lives would certainly have been lost. They were able to slow the progression of the grass fire so that it did not intensify to alight the canopy. Helicopters were able to spot drop at a range of mere metres or less off ground. They then re-filled from local dams. None of this would have been possible within an area where there were 173 metre turbines. The smoke was so intense that visibility was virtually nil. We also had the large DC 10 deployed to bomb with water and retardant.

Without these measures lives would have been lost, along with a great deal more stock and lively hoods devastated that contribute significantly to this community.



