

# Objection to EPYC Pty Ltd - Jupiter Windfarm Project

## Transport

I wish to submit my objection to the subject Project because of the expected impact of disruption to local traffic, ruination of local roads and traffic dangers created by the construction phase of the proposed windfarm.

In EPYC's EIS it states at paragraph 2.4 that:

*"A review of the public transport available in the vicinity of the site indicates that no public bus services run along Braidwood-Goulburn Road. However, a school bus service operates between Goulburn and Lake Bathurst. It is understood that the school bus routes in the vicinity of the site are reviewed on an annual basis (dependent on the distribution of student households) and are subject to change".*

The facts are that school buses operate the entire length of the Goulburn-Braidwood road and beyond picking up and setting down school children twice every school day.

In the vicinity of the Jupiter site, school buses collect/drop off children from Duckfield Estate, Barnet Drive, Mount Fairy/Boro Road, Roseview Estate and Tarago each and every school day transporting to/from schools in Goulburn, Bungendore, Queanbeyan or Braidwood.

My contention is that there will be significant disruptions along the Goulburn-Braidwood Road, in the vicinity of the Jupiter site, which is the main arterial road that all locals use daily.

The disruptions will severely interfere with local traffic movement and be a potential safety hazard to everyone using the Goulburn-Braidwood Road. From observation, the construction phase of this project will span several years. That's several years of disruption to everyone who lives in this region and travel on the Goulburn-Braidwood Road.

As stated in the EIS the Goulburn-Braidwood road is a two-lane road (one lane in each direction) 7-8 metres wide in total. I am concerned that the transport of turbine parts along this road will be extremely hazardous for road users and townships along the route.

Having witnessed the transport of turbine parts through the township of Goulburn to the Taralga site a couple of years ago, it is a major evolution in transportation with police escorts, very long bogeyed trucks manoeuvring along country roads and town streets not designed for this sort of traffic. Indeed, in Goulburn, traffic signage had to be temporarily removed so that the trucks could negotiate corners. General traffic is forced off the road due to the enormity of the trucks, their loads and the associated entourage of support vehicles.

One must question why it is being proposed again to transit the township of Goulburn with trucks carrying turbine parts and repeat the disruption experienced with transporting the Taralga windfarm parts.

Rather than transit the town streets of Goulburn why is it not possible to construct a short exit off the Hume Freeway onto Rosemont Road which parallel's the Hume Freeway within a few metres at one point. Then turn left onto Windellama Road, right onto Brisbane Grove Road and finally left onto the Goulburn-Braidwood Road thus avoiding the Goulburn township all together.

One argument put forward in support of the windfarm is, "all the jobs it will create and opportunities for locals". I agree that there will be a lot of jobs but most of the workers will not be locals but trades people and specialists who move along with each new windfarm having gained the skills and experience from the previous windfarm construction. Once the task is complete they will move on so from them there is no sense of community or sense of responsibility to the resident population.

When the transport and construction phase is completed, then what? Will there be any improvement to the roads, bus stops or roadside amenities? I suspect not. What we will get is increased electricity prices because its 'green' energy after years of disruption to the local lifestyle.

I contend that the Jupiter Windfarm should not be approved for development in this rural residential area because it will be several years of disruption for very little gain for the locals in the long term. In addition, there is no economic case for building Jupiter, but it does keep EPYC and its consultants employed. It is harmful to the local area and were it ever built, would be harmful to NSW and would impose increasing costs on power consumers in NSW.

I strongly suggest that windfarms are not the answer to renewable energy and that the Department should not approve any further windfarm development in NSW including EPYC's Jupiter Windfarm Project.