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Thunderbolt Wind Farm application number SSD-10807896

Listed below are our objections to the proposed development of the Thunderbolt Wind Farm (TWF), by Neoen in the Kentucky area of New England in NSW.

This proposed development of an industrial scale will have significant environmental impacts. Given the recent public focus on the plight of koalas why are you considering granting permission for the destruction and fragmentation of their habitat?

Massive construction works for towers and roads will play havoc with ground dwelling fauna and the endangered native flora. This work will also have detrimental impacts on water runoff and subsurface water flows.

Wind towers have also been shown to be detrimental to birds, especially raptors which are known to be present in the area.

We are also deeply disturbed by the rumours circulating that the present owners have already started destroying habitat in the development area.

According to Neoen the wind towers will not cause any unacceptable noise, however our research of the Bald Hills Wind Farm in Vic has proven this to be untrue.

This proposed development has compounded the distress in our community, following the significant impacts of drought, fires and Covid. Neoen's lack of openness has accentuated the feeling of unease in the community.

The State Departments seem to be allowing Neoen unbridled freedom to proceed with the development without recourse.

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