

**PLEASE HALT THE THUNDERBOLT ENERGY HUB TO ALLOW FOR CLOSER COMMUNITY
SCRUTINY AND INPUT.**

Various Covid lockdowns over the past 2 years has severely impacted the ability of our community to understand and respond to the implications of this development. We have been given only 28 days to respond to the 2000+ page EIS which I expect has taken the developer months if not years to write. This process is clearly unfair.

I am a concerned community member and I do understand the need for alternate energy sources.

I do not wish the Thunderbolt Wind Project to go ahead as there are just too many negative impacts which will damage our community and wider region. I do not think the developer has done a very good job in informing the community about this project.

I have many concerns about this project and the technology proposed including:

There are too many reports particularly from overseas of the awful impacts on the mental and physical health of anyone living in the same area as these wind turbines. The developers constantly tell us the noise will have no impact and trees will provide visual barriers to these 270+ meter tall towers, this is not true. The recent findings in the Victoria Supreme Court re the Baulk Hills Wind Farm vs two community members clearly demonstrated that wind turbines generate a lot of noise which is a nuisance.

Clearing large areas of native bush land will put already threatened and protected species one step closer to extinction.

The area identified to be cleared is known koala habitat into which the developer will send heavy machinery to shake koalas and other protected fauna from the trees so the area can be cleared of vegetation. This is brutal and totally unacceptable; this must not be allowed to happen.

It seems to me the NSW Government has decided small rural communities are of no value and need not be considered, they have no voice so wont make much of a fuss. I believe we have the same rights as the rest of New South Wales and who decided we should be sold off to developers as Renewable Energy Zones. Nobody asked the community if this would be OK and it certainly is not.

The proposed turbines are about as tall as Centrepont Tower and will be located on high points such as along ridgelines. This means the visual pollution will be widespread plus of course the cumulative effect of multiple proposed wind projects in our area will total destroy the beautiful country views.

I believe there is potential for Conflict of Interest where consultants are engaged by the developers to conduct assessments such as a Noise Assessment.

As a Uralla Shire Council Ratepayer the possibility of these turbines ending up in landfill is unacceptable. Who will pay for the decommissioning? Seems unclear at the present time.

I think any further development of industrial wind projects should be halted and I would like the NSW Government to review what is happening in other countries where this old technology is failing to meet promised energy production and is causing great harm to communities and the environment.