

# Valley of the Winds

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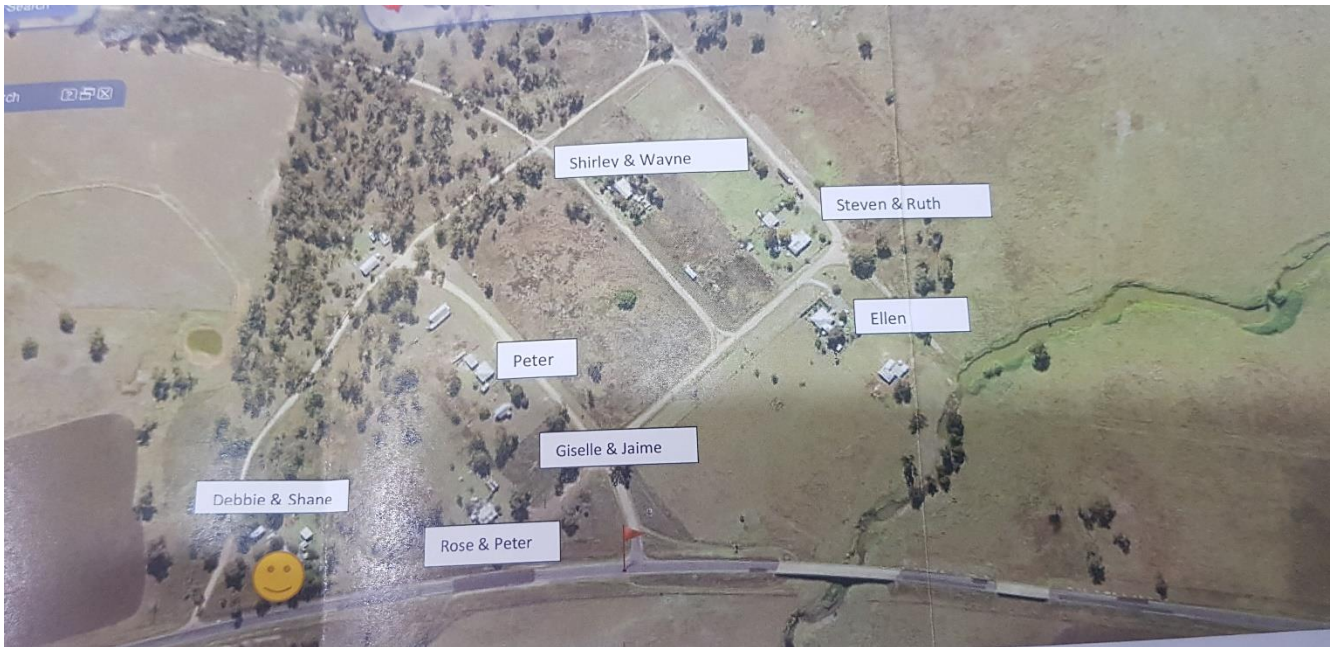
Submission

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# Wind Farm route through Village

This is a photo of our unique little village as you will understand the impact on over 500 vehicles a day going through this for 2 or more years will do.



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## Objections

A number of issues have arisen after reading the Valley of the Winds Environmental Impact statement.

- We are against the route for this project going through our village this will impact our health and life style, we brought here because it was a unique little village with an array of bird life, we have in our trees two families of magpies, along with gulars, cockatoo's, swift parrots and honeyeaters, plus many more Lorikeets and some wedge tail eagles have been seen recently, and as a small village community we get together weekly in our village hall, it is a lovely quite social environment, we check on each other and just enjoy a quite catch up over a cuppa as I said unique little village.
- We are approximately 35mtrs off the Short st, with our next door neighbors 15mtrs off Short st, with the thought of up to 500 heavy and other types of vehicles passing through a day past our front gate is insane, we brought there to retire in the serenity of the quite village environment, with beautiful bird life and the quite country environment.
- Biosecurity & protection of high value agricultural lands  
There is no plan of management for the management of biosecurity risk posed by pest plants, animals and pathogens that may be carted through our village.

The proposed construction has not taken into account any movement of vehicles and larger logistic assets entering our small unique village and spreading pathogens, such as Parthenium weed and different weed species, also spiders & other insects.

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What inspection & disinfection protocols are in place to exclude /limit these biosecurity threats, our small unique village has already been devastated once by fire and most residence are retired and living a quite serene life style now it has now been impacted as our resident bee keeper has somehow in the last year had a beetle introduced through people coming in from all over studying the area which has wiped out two thirds of his bees.

What pest control strategies and protocols are in place by the developers to maintain pest control such as weed inspections and surveillance, weed control operations, feral animal controls such as trapping, bating, shooting programs?

How will developers manage introduction of plant and animal pathogens & diseases coming through our village which will decimate our beautiful bird population which is now flourishing since the fires carried now by construction vehicles and logistic assets.

UPC Renewables Australia Pty Ltd, have a legal obligation under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, to protect agriculture, environment , plant animal and human health from new and existing biosecurity threats on lands they occupy and travel upon.

Conservation of threatened and valuable trees and plants and animals, we do not believe the outlined surveys are a sufficient and accountable capture of populations of species, we now see a large number of Swift Parrot, Little Lorikeet and Regent Honeyeater along with Nomic bird species these will not be captured via the stated survey techniques.

This population was devastated in the 2017 fires and has now flourished in our little village, the proposed route is through the heart of our village which will take out so many trees in which all these unique species are flourishing in, I believe these reports were taken quite some time back also not long after the fires so yes large inaccuracies are in this report also.

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The vegetation survey and habitat has not been accurately gauged nor the habitat value of the lands, the long term residents do attest to the fact that the local fauna and flora was greatly impacted from the fires and is continuing to recover quite remarkably, the route through our village is outlandish 10 mtrs from one homes front door and the removal of all our trees on this route is unacceptable.

The habitat value of these birds now in our woodland and agricultural lands is in a valuable state of their recovery, we believe the environmental impact of the Wind Farm construction passing through our village will impact on the recovery of these animals and this has not been taken into the consideration of the study and the UPC Renewables Australia Pty Ltd, they also need to fulfil their biosecurity and conservation obligations in a transparent comprehensive and honest fashion.

We as a community see legitimate gaps in this current program planning and thus this cannot proceed with these concerns we are stating, our village health and life style along with the conservation issues needs to be addressed first and for most.

