

CWP Renewables' level of community consultation is to be congratulated, however not all communities in the Wellington area have been afforded consultation at this level. Suntop Solar 1 & 2 are good examples.

Renewable developments produce winners and losers, resulting in fractured communities. 84 families will be affected in some way by the Uungula development. Not all have been compensated. Not all are in favour of the proposed development. Wellington has eight renewable projects at differing stages of operation and development. The social impact of these developments has been negative. Communities fractured and hurting, relationships destroyed.

The Uungula development will result in:

- the devaluation of neighbouring non-associated land;
- visual pollution of a beautiful landscape;
- years of imposition on local roads;
- exclusive commercial in confidence deals that often amount to bribery;
- an enormous amount of money from taxes and our ever- increasing power bills to bring the necessary transmission infrastructure up to speed and
- multiple wind power developments linking up: Bodangora, Uungula and possibly Gollan/Goolma (developers are consulting landowners in these areas) resulting in cumulative visual, environmental and land valuation impacts that will affect many non-associated families. The negative impact of hundreds of WTGs in relatively close proximity, leading to increased bird and bat mortality and loss of the natural environment.

Cumulative risk assessment modelling for bird and bat mortality for one wind farm is not good enough when this farm will be surrounded by two or more wind farms. This has not been addressed in the EIS. No one can definitively say how many birds will be destroyed over the life of Uungula wind farm. The inaccuracy of the modelled risk assessment, due to the lack of Australian and regional data is overridden by the noble climate change cause and should not be accepted.

Renewable developments are consented on the premise that they will employ locals. Developers continue to seek favour for these developments in their EISs, espousing jobs for locals. Suntop 1 will be hiring back packers for construction. The Construction Manager has already stated there will be very little for the local community in terms of employment. Disappointing! Local employment agencies are not being used for hiring.<sup>1</sup> CWP states there will be 12 jobs at operation. Full time, part time or fly-ins? There is very little sustainable employment for locals associated with these developments during construction and operation. Developers should not be allowed to hoodwink and seek favour by stating otherwise.

The scope of the building program to achieve 3000MW in the central west and the imminent and unknown placement of new developments is concerning. How many developments in the

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<sup>1</sup> Natalie Lewis, Dubbo Photo News June 4-10 2020, [Resident asks where are the jobs for locals.](#)

Wellington area is too many? Who will make this decision? It is concerning that Wellington has no local newspaper to inform what is happening concerning these developments.