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Chairperson
Independent Planning Commission
Suite 15.02, 135 King St,
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Dear Commissioner,

RE - BOWMANS CREEK WIND FARM SSD 10315

On behalf of our members and the Muswellbrook business community, we support the application by Epuron Projects Pty Ltd to construct, operate and decommission up to 60 Wind Turbines.

Our support is based on the proposed economic benefits to the Muswellbrook area as well as the wider economic benefits to the Upper Hunter and the State of NSW.

The Proponent's EIS states, in Appendix O, the following regional economic impacts –

(i) In the Peak Construction Phase (YEAR 1.) –

- \$114M in annual direct & indirect output.
- \$48M in annual direct & indirect value added.
- \$17M in annual direct & indirect household income.
- 209 direct & indirect jobs.

(ii) In the Operational Phase –

- \$65M in annual direct & indirect output or business turnover.
- \$53M in annual direct & indirect value added.
- \$2M in direct & indirect household income.
- 30 direct & indirect jobs.

While these economic impacts are relatively small in relation to the Regional Economy, they are welcome additions to our local economy's diversity.

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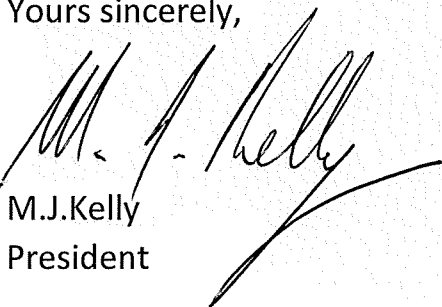
The Chamber does not have the infrastructure or expertise to comment with detailed analysis of the various environmental impacts of the proposed development. We rely on the Commission to weigh the value of the environmental impacts and benefits.

We would, however, note the importance of detailed examination of the EIS and the need for realistic conditions of consent which address –

- Impacts on local roads over the life of the project.
- Loss of visual amenity on affected property.
- Loss of agricultural viability on affected property.
- Prioritising local procurement and employment by the proponent and their contractors.
- Realistic methods of de-commissioning that accommodate a diversity of future economic land uses.
- A detailed Accommodation and Employment Strategy.
- Establishment of a Community Consultative Committee to monitor compliance with Conditions of Consent.

We thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment and stand ready to provide any further information that might be required.

Yours sincerely,



M.J.Kelly
President