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Submission to IPC

Dear IPC Commissioners

20/12/2023

I would like to express my <u>support</u> for the Bowman's Creek Windfarm.

My reasoning:

- 1. I support the targets set by the Australian Government for Net Zero by 2050.
- 2. I want Australia to minimise the effect of global warming.
- 3. "Not in my backyard" is not a reasonable argument to oppose the development.
- 4. I do not find the appearance of the wind towers offensive.
- 5. I find wind towers to be less offensive than the giant, moonscape overburden heaps and environmental degradation of mines around Muswellbrook and Singleton.
- 6. Wind farms will not add to the particulate pollution of mines and power stations (a cause of asthma and lung cancer).
- 7. Wind towers do not lead to the forceable acquisition of land, allowing agricultural pursuits to continue and become more profitable.
- 8. The Wind farm construction will diversify the local economy and provide jobs for many workers.
- 9. Coal generated Power Stations will close in the coming years and if renewable projects aren't expedited there could be power shortages.
- 10. Coal mines will close in the coming decades and the economy of the Upper Hunter needs to start diversifying now.
- 11. Nuclear energy takes some years to develop, is expensive and has associated risk.
- 12. The noise and health effects of wind towers, as cited by some opponents of windfarms, have been discredited by reputable scientific studies.
- 13. I have stood beneath a wind tower, and the noise generated on a day when the blades were rotating, still allowed for comfortable conversation.
- 14. Opponents of Wind Farms claim that the windfarm will devalue their properties. The Bowman's Creek windfarm, however, has been proposed for the area for several years and despite local real estate agents telling prospective buyers of the proposal, property prices have been booming.

In conclusion, I ask the IPC to approve the Bowman's Creek Wind Farm for the benefit of Upper Hunter, Australia and the world's climate.