



## JUPITER WIND FARM PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

16 March 2018

A development proposal for a large wind farm near Tarago, on the NSW Southern Tablelands, has been withdrawn.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) referred the Jupiter Wind Farm project to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination on 23 February 2018.

The Department concluded the state significant development should not proceed in its present form – its assessment finding the “environmental impacts of the project outweigh its benefits, and the site is fundamentally unsuitable for a large-scale wind farm”.

As part of its independent decision-making process, a three-member panel of the Commission was due to visit the proposed site next Tuesday (20 March 2018) before hearing from affected residents and other interested stakeholders at a public meeting in Bungendore on Wednesday (21 March 2018).

However, the proponent, EPYC Pty Ltd, informed the Commission late yesterday (Thursday 15 March 2018) it was withdrawing the application – citing its belief “that the IPC’s finding would not be contrary to recommendation made by DPE”.

The Commission rejects the assertion its assessment and determination of the application would not have been made fairly and independently of the Department.

As the application has now been withdrawn, the Commission has cancelled its planned site visit and public meeting.

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### **About the Independent Planning Commission NSW**

The Independent Planning Commission NSW was established as a standalone agency under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on 1 March 2018. The Commission operates independently of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and has an important role to play in building community confidence in the decision-making processes for major development and land-use planning statewide. The Commission is committed to delivering a high level of independence, expertise and transparency to the assessment and determination of State Significant Development applications in NSW.