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Independent Planning Commission
Crudine Ridge Wind Farm MOD1

I am writing in support of the modification proposed by CWP Renewables Pty Ltd to the upgrade of Aarons Pass Road for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm.

As a landowner involved in this project, I know my support is considered biased by some. However, I have been travelling this road for nearly 30 years and I know how important this upgrade is to the wider community that has been asking Mid-Western Regional Council for years to improve it (long before the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm was proposed). I employ you to please consider the road safety for the users of this road above all else.

As indicated by the large percentage of LOCAL residents that submitted their support to the Department of Planning for this modification back in December 2018, the local community sees this modification to its benefit. At the public meeting regarding this modification at the Pyramul Hall on Wednesday 12th of December 2018, the overwhelming majority of the local community both those involved in the Windfarm and local residents, all made it very clear that the road safety was of the utmost importance.

We currently own property at either side of Aarons Pass Road and commute on Aarons Pass Road a lot. We know first hand how dangerous the road can be due to how narrow it is and its limited vision along its sides. We struggle at present to move stock and hay trucks through this road due to its conditions and as a public road it should be able to carry out such tasks. I ask you to look at other roads around the Mid-Western Region and around New South Wales and ask how is Aarons Pass Road is allowed to exist in its current form. Other roads are wide, corners are corrected, crests are reduced all in the name of road safety, however Aarons Pass remains nothing more than a dirt track no wider in parts than one car width through most of it with a rough surface that could easily slide small cars off the road.

The Crudine Ridge Wind Farm has been an important development for the area, with employment opportunities for many locals and goods and services supplies provided from Mudgee, Rylstone and Kandos. Please consider the best interests of the road users and listen the local community that is imploring you to get this upgrade approved so we can finally have a decent road.

Thankyou!

Regards,

Karen Croake