

RYLSTONE NSW 2849

16th June, 2019

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 local landowner who has lived and used this road all my life, I know how the community has been concerned with the safety of Aarons Pass Road for many years, well before the wind farm was proposed. The road is very narrow and winding with little or no vision around its many corners for oncoming vehicles or to avoid collisions with native and feral wildlife. People driving along the road that are unfamiliar with it, tend to travel in the middle of it due to its narrow nature and rough edges. This makes it dangerous for both those new to the road and those who regularly use it.

The clearing of the sides proposed by CWP Renewables will allow of much better vision along the road for oncoming cars to avoid car crashes between vehicles and also allow for better sight for native and feral animals that may be trying to cross the road. At the moment it is almost impossible to avoid any collisions with feral pigs, goats or kangaroos as they are too well concealed on the sides of the road and run free before motorists have any chance to see them and avoid hitting them.

The clearing will also allow better access in case of a bush fire in the area as the overgrowth is too great, if there was to be a fire there is no adequate fire break along the road and would make fighting fires in the area with the amount of scrub and regrowth almost impossible and place danger to residents and commuters in the area trying to get out.

So, I employ the Independent Planning Commission to listen to the large percentage of the LOCAL community and residents who showed their support to the Department of Planning in December 2018 and please allow CWP Renewables to complete their proposed upgrades to Aarons Pass Road. The community has been asking for it for such a significant amount of time, please don't let this chance pass us by.

Thankyou!

Regards,

Mark Croake