

## This Development Contradicts Zoning Aspirations

If Crookwell 3 is approved in any form, this will allow for the construction of turbines on land located within the E3 Environmental Management zone of the Upper Lachlan Environmental plan of 2010.

The intent and purpose of the plan is clearly stated:

- To protect, manage and restore areas of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on those values.

The NSW Planning Department has itself stated that:

"The proposal is inconsistent with local planning controls, which classify more than two-thirds of the proposed site as an environmental management zone. Overall, our assessment concluded the site is fundamentally not suitable for a large-scale wind farm.

Mike Young, Executive Director of Resource Assessments, makes it clear that the proposal does not comply with the NSW Government's Wind Energy Framework which was introduced in 2016.

Further more the department has sought the advice of an independent visual expert and states that the department's recommendation to refuse draws on extensive community consultation and the advice from that independent expert.

I like many others in the community think that the landscape has already been brutalised beyond what one would consider reasonable. Anyone would think that NSW is the size of a postage stamp, people are dumfounded as to how the landscape of such a beautiful area can become the victim of such planning decisions. The sheer dominance of the now built Crookwell 2 wind farm, overpowers the natural landscape. This district is being turned into a plantation of wind farms.

Renewable energy has not only become a religion it has become a feasting ground for companies involved. Currently the Large Scale Generators Market pays approx. \$40 for each Renewable Energy Certificate, that's \$40pmw. The companies then double up and sell their

power on the open market. The \$40 subsidy goes onto the bills of the electricity payers of NSW. Wind farm operators bath in the warmth of the grants, some might call them bribes, that they make to the local communities but make no mistake, community grants are paid for by the electricity uses of NSW. Renewable energy is big business it's about money, it's about profits. I have personally experienced their under handed behaviour. Goldwind the owner of the Gullen Range Wind Farm offered me thousands of dollars for a noise easement over my property, even though their application, clearly stated I would not be noise affected. They moved turbines closer to my property and then omitted this from a report and finally after they had put me in a precarious situation used a stooge to buy my farm. They then knocked down hundreds of trees and went about installing 42,000 solar panels.

There is an extremely important issue of indemnity which the Department of Planning and the IPC need to address, and that is, who is ultimately financially liable for the removal of turbines, if wind farm operators find themselves in financial difficulty. Surely landholders who enter into a commercial agreement for the reward of profit must also bear the risk. NSW taxpayers should not be liable. So I am asking the Commission and the Department to publicly state who is liable.

Last year at a Community meeting for the Gullen Range Wind Farm I asked the committee which included company representatives if they could tell me if the company's balance sheet was showing provisions for Funded or Unfunded Liabilities for the removal of the 90 or so turbines. No one knew. It's should be followed up by the department, it has a duty to protect the people of NSW.

When it comes to the inadequacies of wind and solar, slowly but surely, voices like Michael Shellenberger co- founder of the Breakthrough Institute and now head of Environmental Progress, voted by Time magazine as Hero of the Environment are being heard. He is not only bringing an awareness as to why renewables are so inadequate and on a global basis achieve so little but also the role oil and gas companies play in backing them to protect their interests.

People should listen to what Bill Gates has to say about the possibility of renewables running a city like Tokyo.

During a discussion at Cambridge University Professor Jordan Petersen who for 2 years worked on a UN committee for Sustainable Economic

and Ecological Development, said when talking about the possibility of renewable energy running a modern economy " Good luck with that"

Wind and solar are, compared to coal, gas and nuclear low density sources of energy.

A U.S. Nimitz class nuclear powered aircraft carrier approx. 100,000 tons, can reach speeds of 40 knots that's 56 kph and can remain at sea for over 20 years without refuelling.

That's why modern navies don't use sailing ships other than for ceremony, training and to remember the past. Like navies, modern and developing economies can't be sustained on low density wind and solar energy.

Because of their limitations wind and solar are a life line for the coal and gas companies. Just look at the increase in gas production globally.S

Apparently we are facing the world's greatest challenge and our response is wind turbines and solar panels. In the words of Professor Jordan Petersen " Good luck with that"