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Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3
201 Elizabeth Street
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Dear Commissioners,

We support the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Mod 1 to upgrade Aarons Pass Road.
We attended the Public Meeting held in Pyramul Hall on 11th June, 2019.

Our main priority is a safe road.

Aarons Pass Road has always been a narrow, winding, ridge road. Trees are within metres of the road edges. Aged, hollow trees often fall across the road creating driving hazards. Visibility is poor, due to the closeness of tree growth and also, in the cooler months, fogs are dense, creating driving hazards. Summer storms bring lightning strikes – currently about half-way along Aarons Pass Road, there is a massive Stringy Bark tree, which was splintered to the base by lightning and it is a few metres off the road edge. The denseness of tree growth creates a wildlife corridor with kangaroos, wallabies and wombats being hazardous to drivers.

As the current Aarons Pass Road is narrow, most traffic sticks to the centre of the road in a single carriage-way. This is dangerous, with poor vision due to trees and bends. Local large vehicles, such as double/triple-decked stock trucks and trucks carrying wool bales need the tree canopy widened for safety and to prevent damage caused by tree branches snagging on the top or side of trucks. Two trucks, or even two smaller vehicles, certainly cannot safely meet on many parts of Aarons Pass Road.

Aarons Pass Road is the access road for workers in the Bocoble to Mudgee area, Rylstone, Kandos and the Ilford to Lithgow area and also for Sydney, for medical and business visits.

Aarons Pass Road has increased traffic nowadays due to many lifestyle blocks. Weekend traffic can be constant. It is not safe to have fast vehicles meeting in dusty conditions. This is often more dangerous in daylight hours.

Aarons Pass Road and any other roads used in the development of the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm, such as the Pyramul / Sallys Flat Road, need to be widened, with tree re-growth controlled and a good surface maintained by CWP Renewables and its contractors for the safety of the community.

Thank You for your time.

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