

The Manager,
Pyramul Pastoral Company Pty Ltd.

[REDACTED]
Mudgee

NSW 2850

7th June 2019

Independent Planning Commission.

Re: Crudine Wind Farm

Dear Sir,

As the Manager of Pyramul Pastoral Company, I wish to make a submission in favor of the development of the Crudine Ridge Windfarm and support of the Aarons Pass Road upgrade.

I first travelled Aarons Pass road in 1975, it was a winding, narrow and overgrown road then and sadly little has changed today. It was built for the bullock wagon era and as the name itself suggests, a road built a long time ago, with low volumes of traffic, travelling at slow speeds. The roads path over the hills has not changed with the years, but both the volumes and speeds of the vehicles traveling it today certainly has. The recent trend of breaking larger properties up into "lifestyle blocks" has led to an increase in traffic and absentee, urban based drivers using the road. The narrow, blind corners have led to many near misses with drivers who are unfamiliar with both the road and the driving conditions.

The road has not been well maintained by Mid-Western Regional Council in the past, occasional road works and patch up work done. The advent of the Crudine Wind Farm is an opportunity for the road to be properly upgraded and brought to a standard that is expected by people today.

The objections that have been raised by some in regards to the removal of the trees on the roadside, while valid, should not be reason itself to halt the project. The specific tree species can be replanted, in greater numbers to what currently populate this area, either in another location or through possible negotiation with involved land owners. The current vegetation along the roadside of aging trees often falling on to the road, represents a traffic hazard, especially after windy weather.

The local people who frequently travel this road all have a story to relate of near misses or accidents caused by the, windy, poor condition of the road. There is at least 4 kilometers of road that during heavy rain becomes a waterway- large expanses of water crossing the road and following the course of the road, causing deep gullies and can be impassable.

To realize the full economic potential of this renewable energy source project, the road needs to be improved so that the project (that has already been approved) can go ahead without further hinderance. Which in turn will create employment for locals, inject valuable dollars into the local economy and provide ongoing economic stimulus to our region.

As Manager of Pyramul Pastoral Company, I would like to make known my full support of the project and believe the project should now advance without any further delays.

Yours faithfully,

G.Morrison

Manager, Pyramul Pastoral Company.
[REDACTED]