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Which proposed development do you wish to provide a submission on? *

Thunderbolt Wind Farm ✓

About you

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First name *

Stephen

Last name *

Johnston

Street address *

[Redacted]

Suburb *

[Redacted]

Postcode *

2355

State *

Please select... NSW

Email address *

[Redacted]

2. Are you making a submission on behalf of an organisation or group? *

Yes

No

3. Does one of the following apply to you? *

I am the owner or a tenant of a neighbouring property to the proposed development

I am a member of the local community who would be particularly and directly affected by the proposed development

I am a member of the community with a view about the proposed development

I am someone whose legal consent is required for the development application to proceed under NSW planning laws

None of the above apply to me OR I am making a submission in relation to advice the Commission has been asked to provide

4. Please indicate which of the following best describes you: *

- an individual making a submission on my own behalf
- a traditional custodian or representative of an Aboriginal Land Council
- a representative of a community group, non-government organisation, business or industry group
- a subject matter expert or academic
- a local councillor or representative of a local council
- a state MP (i.e. a Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council) or a federal MP (i.e. a Member of the House of Representatives or Senate)
- a representative of a NSW government department or agency
- a representative of a Commonwealth government department or agency
- other

Key issues**5. Please select the reason for your submission: ***

- Support (I am making a submission that supports the conditional approval of this proposed development)
- Comment (I neither support nor object to this proposed development and am providing comments for consideration OR I am making a submission in related to advice the Commission has been asked to provide)
- Object (I am making a submission that objects to this proposed development going ahead)

6. Please select the key issues that concern you the most:

- Energy Transition
- Biodiversity
- Visual impacts
- Traffic and transport
- Noise and vibration
- Heritage
- Agricultural impacts and land use
- Social and economic
- Physiological - infrasound noise / electromagnetic interference / shadow flicker / blade glint

FIRE RISK!

Your submission

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Please enter your written submission in the text box below. **Please do not include personal details in your submission if you do not want them to be published.**

Enter your written submission here: *

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Thunderbolt Wind farm

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To the Commissioners.

Further to my verbal presentation at Kentucky Hall I would like to add:

Fires:

It was disappointing but not surprising that although Nicole Brewer from the Dept of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure went over time in her talk, did not say the word "BUSHFIRE" once.

It is NOT surprising that Neenie's presentation although it also went over time did NOT include the word BUSHFIRE once.

It is also disappointing that both community speakers in favour of the wind farm are not R.F.S. members.

BUT all are happy to take aerial support away from those who are.

I have included as Appendix 1 a copy of a page from the book "Think Trees Grow trees" showing the spread of a fire started at Hall in the A.C.T. in 1979 showing its spread and timing.

Take aerial support away from us and we are back 50 years.

Aircraft are also used to drop a retardant line to protect property or run a back burn off.

Aerial support is not just for fire fighting but crew protection. If things go pear shaped they can drop in on you to stop an over run. This can save a crews life.

I would recommend removing towers T26, T27 & T28 to allow helicopters access to the big Dam on Pine creek at Banalasta.

The removing of towers T23, T24 & T25 from a HIGH fire danger should be obvious.

Remember the decision you make has the potential to have the life of fire fighters in your hands.

So far this year there has been atleast 2 wind tower fires in Australia taking around 6 trucks and about 20 VOLUNTEERS.

This is an ABUSE of an industry NOT paying its way.

Emergency Help:

If you had an accident between Kentucky and Uralla my pager would go off the RFS, Fire & Rescue from Uralla and ambulance from Armidale would attend. If you needed it a Westpac Rescue Helicopter would come from Tamworth to get you to Tamworth, Newcastle or Sydney Hospital.

So why did Neoen ask the Royal Flying Doctor Service for comment on the Wind farm?

Grazing:

I am concerned about both the construction and operating noise from the wind farm on my livestock.

The chance of miss mothering by Ewes and lambs not being able to hear each other is enormous.

This is an Animal Welfare Issue.

It is disappointing that Nicole Brewer and her team was only interested in noise and visual impact at a house and not in the paddock.

This shows a naive understanding of the rural industry.

On Sunday the 17 of March the Kentucky Progress Association had a B.B.Q. in the Park across from the Hall.

I was approached by a young bloke who lives east of Kentucky to THANK me for bringing up the Horse and Dog issue regarding sound and infrasound.

He said he has a friend who works down south that has given up a good job as a Stockman because since a wind farm has started

near by his dogs have been going mad.
Now that he has moved away from
the towers the dogs have settled down.

The young bloke who spoke to
me is on a family farm so like
me does not have the option of
just quitting a job and moving.

Koalas and Wildlife,

To quote from John Pickrell's
"Flames of Extinction" on Koalas

"These marsupials are notoriously difficult to spot in trees - so much so that even trained human spotters routinely miss up to 80 percent of them."

If you look on Appendix 2 the Australian Koala Foundation Koala map you will see the amount of good habitat. I enclose "The Koala Manifesto" as Appendix 3 For you to read.

We have been known to hear Bull Bears calling from our backdoor.

With the large loss of Koala Habitat during the Black Summer fires, this area should NOT be Bugged with Offsets etc just does come close to leaving them alone.

When it comes to Wedgetail eagles little Eagles (the small squared blokes) they don't call the towers Eagle Blenders for nothing.

I could keep writing about this but it would be a waste of my time

Let me put it this way.

If in a few years time there was a Royal Commission into Unscrupulous Wind Farm Developer and Dodgy E.I.S.

I do not know how Nicole Brewer and her team would fair.

If there was a Royal Commission into the Wanton Destruction of Koala Habitat. Could Nicole Brewer and her team Justify This.

If a Coroner was to investigate a large fire in this area. They may ask why put 3 towers in a HIGH Fire area. OR who approved the whole project east of a HIGH Fire risk range.

The people who approved are either
 Inexperienced
 Incompetent
 Apathetic
 Bowing to political pressure,
 or Corrupt ✓

Commissioners I HOPE YOU ARE
 NONE OF THE ABOVE.


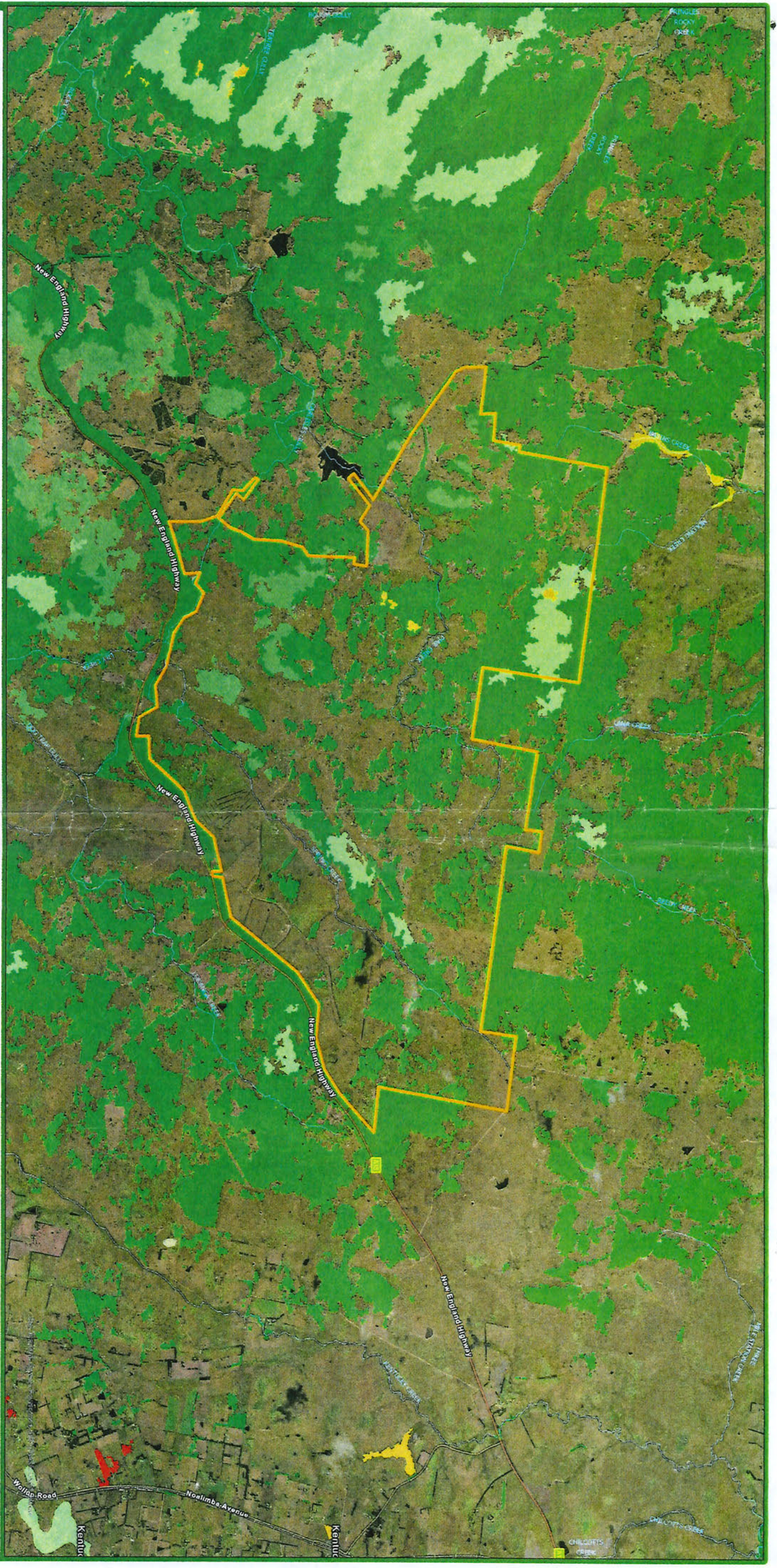
 STEPHEN JOHNSTON

Figure 5.5 Spread of a wildfire which started at an electric power line near Hall, A.C.T., 13 February 1979. The change in fire direction after 1730 hours can be seen (refer Figure 5.2) as the fire broke away along almost its entire north-eastern flank.





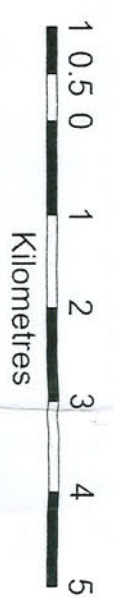
KOALAMAP

Tamworth Regional & Uralla Shire Koala Habitat

Proposed Thunderbolt Wind Farm shown edged



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- KOALA HABITAT ATLAS CATEGORIES**
- **PRIMARY HABITAT:** Capable of supporting high-density koala populations. Areas of forest or woodland where primary koala food tree species comprise at least 50% of the overstorey trees.
 - **SECONDARY HABITAT (CLASS A):** Capable of supporting high to medium-density koala populations. Areas of forest or woodland where primary koala food tree species comprise less than 50%, but at least 30% of the overstorey trees, or where primary koala food tree species comprise less than 30% of the overstorey trees but together with secondary food tree species comprise at least 50% of the overstorey trees, or where secondary food tree species alone comprise at least 50% of the overstorey trees.
 - **SECONDARY HABITAT (CLASS B):** Capable of supporting medium to low-density koala populations. Areas of forest or woodland where primary koala food tree species comprise less than 30% of the overstorey trees, or where primary koala food tree species together with secondary food tree species comprise at least 30% (but less than 50%) of the overstorey trees, or where secondary food tree species alone comprise at least 30% (but less than 50%) of the overstorey trees.
 - **SECONDARY HABITAT (CLASS C):** Capable of supporting low-density koala populations if some secondary food trees are present. Areas of forest or woodland where koala habitat is comprised of secondary and supplementary food tree species (primary koala food tree species absent) where secondary food tree species comprise less than 30% of the overstorey trees.
 - **OTHER VEGETATION:** Not capable of supporting koala populations. Areas of vegetation without eucalypts but which may have important supplementary koala habitat values such as habitat buffers and habitat linking areas.
 - **UNKNOWN HABITAT QUALITY:** Areas of vegetation lacking the information required to assign one of the above classes.
 - **MAINTAINLY CLEARED:** Native vegetation has been cleared, some scattered trees may remain.
- Note: Not all maps will have all habitat categories.

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Project boundary based on sourced conceptual maps