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OBJECT

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Organisation:	<i>Kentucky Progress Association Incorporated</i>	Key issues: <i>Social and economic</i>
Location:	<i>New South Wales 2354</i>	
Submitter Type:	<i>I am a member of the community with a view about the proposed development</i>	
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Re Proposed Thunderbolt Wind Farm SSD-18087896

Dear Commissioners Menzies, Evans and Fitzgerald,

In the event the Thunderbolt Wind Farm is approved by the IPC and the development goes ahead, this will have a significant impact on the surrounding communities of Kentucky, Kentucky South, Wollun, Bendemeer and Balala.

We oppose this proposal on following grounds:

We believe there should be further discussions and planning of the Community Benefit Fund, prior to approval.

We request that a majority portion the Community Benefit Fund is designated to be spent in these more highly impacted communities, as afore mentioned, preferably administered by a local organization. We request the following conditions of consent be added:

- 1) A guaranteed amount be set for the Community Benefit Fund, with a minimum of \$5 million , over the 30 year life of the project, be guaranteed and include a figure allowing for inflation.*
- 2) We propose Neoen negotiate a Community Benefit Fund to be administered by a local Not For Profit organisation.*
- 3) In the event that the project is sold and no longer managed by Neoen, we want a guarantee that the Community Benefit Fund agreement remains intact.*
- 4) That the CBF be held in trust, so in the event of bankruptcy of Neoen (the structures remain standing) the CBF could still be allocated.*
- 5) That funding is not tied to annual spending, but allows for accumulation of funds for larger projects.*

We propose IF the two Regional Councils, Uralla and Tamworth, manage this funding, that 60% of each Council's apportioned funding should be allocated directly benefit the impacted communities namely Kentucky, South Kentucky, Wollun, Bendemeer, Balala.

OR

There be a call for tenders from local NFP organisations to administer the Community Benefit Fund, to be more directly spent on communities of Kentucky, Kentucky South, Wollun, Bendemeer, Balala.

We suggest KPA (Kentucky Progress Association) could put itself forward to administer the funds.

In the event KPA were to manage this funding we would invest in legacy projects, in these affected communities. Some projects we would consider funding include



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*Upgrade to Kentucky public toilet, Vegetation projects, Kentucky Park & playground,
Upkeep of Kentucky Memorial Hall, Kentucky Public School, Wollun church,
Support of Kentucky Co-Op, keeping Kentucky General Store operational, providing local services to the
community.*

We are in support of "Green Energy", done right, in this region.

We the KPA, (ABN 41 783 697 835) lodge this submission on behalf of the affected communities.

Yours Sincerely,

Kevin Hughes -President, Kait Manchip - Secretary

on behalf of KPA members (members all being residents of Kentucky or Kentucky South, NSW)
