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I'm a member of the local community who was born and raised here, and work within agricultural industries. During my time I have seen both the worst drought in living memory, which came with severe bushfires and some of our wettest years on record with widespread flooding.

To top it off we also went through covid times and the huge impacts following covid that our trade relations to China caused where all markets crashed including wool, meat sheep and cattle which we run our our property. These events have made the past years markets very unstable and are affecting the future of all agricultural industries.

Bushfires are probably the largest threat to us here, both personally with my young family and in regards to our stock. Currently the proposed sites for the turbines, I believe the numbers are 24, 25 and 26, are in an area that I know is essentially inaccessible to all vehicles with the capability of fighting fires as it stands.

So logically speaking if a fire were to start in that area right now it would almost have to be allowed to burn out into an area where it can be contained and controlled. In doing so there would be untold damage to all species of wildlife both native and feral pests, such as deer, pigs, foxes and cats which are in plague proportions since the wet years.

NEONE plans to put a very accessible high quality access track through the area which would greatly improve fire fighting capabilities through both access and serving as a partial fire break.

The small loss of habitat now in making that access road will pay itself back 100's of times over if a fire were to occur down the track and could save untold numbers of native animals.

Based on the information I have researched and read. Fire fighting helicopters and planes can be used effectively amongst wind farms with cut off switches and turbines placed in Y positioning for safety and accessibility.

Socially and economically I can only see this development in a positive light as well. As a young man with a young family more jobs in our region, and more jobs are always welcome. We have been through some tough years and people's physical and mental health have taken some hits. Plus to put it simply the cost of living is reaching ridiculously high levels.

Local jobs means local spending, such as accomdation, food and leisure activities workers, which has numerous flow on benefits including improving mental health in the community.

Landholders and neighbouring properties who recieve money from this project are also more likely to spend that money here on either their livestock or themselves, either doesn't matter as its still stimulating our local economy.

The local community will also benefit from the councils community fund which NEONE is also funding.



The transition to renewable or at least energy sources that are not so environmentally unfriendly such as coal is a must globally for a better environmental future.

From my perspective I can only see this development as a massive boon to the local area. This is through bush fire hazard reductions, jobs and economic stimulus into the local community, which inturn will improve mental health conditions of many people struggling after years of unstable environmental conditions and global economic conditions in a time when the cost of living appears to be rising at rates that are causing many family's great concern.

NEONE has been quite clear in all communications we have had with them and spoken in plain English and answered all question we have had. Can't fault them In their communications, I think people just need to listen
