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Submission No: 165715

Organisation:		Key issues: <i>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</i>
Location:	<i>New South Wales 2340</i>	
Submitter Type:	<i>I am a member of the community with a view about the proposed development</i>	
Attachment:	<i>Thunderbolt Wind Farm Submission 25.3.24.pdf</i>	

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I object to this project.

Please see attached with my personal views as I believe there are locations better suited to this temporary energy measure.

Thank you.

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To the Energy Assessments Director,

RE: THUNDERBOLD WIND FARM - SSD-18087896

I would like to object to the (so called)* renewable energy hub is proposed to be situated on approximately 5,900 ha of land and there is an added disturbance area of approximately 215 ha on top of that area. The (so called)* renewable energy hub will potentially have a capacity of approximately 190 MW. With a life span of 20-30 years.

The Thunderbolt Wind Farm will be located approximately 45 km north-east of Tamworth around the Kentucky area, within the (so called)* New England Renewable Energy Zone (NE REZ). The (so called) REZ sits within the Tamworth and Uralla Local Government Areas.

I call this proposed renewal energy hub, so called, because it uses more energy to create a single wind turbine than any amount of energy saves (and cannot be renewed or reused). A single wind turbine requires 2500 tons of concrete, 900 tons of steel and 45 tons of plastic and not to mention the fluorocarbons that are thrown off into the air within a 20-30 lifespan of any wind turbine. I must say, this is at the expense of the Australian communities and the Australian countryside.

The Paris Agreement whereby Australia has agreed to achieve net zero omissions by 2050 can be achieved, simply by waiting for the technology to catch up. The current (so called)* renewable energy solutions are already antiquated and by the end of the period whereby the remaining four NSW coal-fired power plants are expected to be decommissioned, all of the thousands of wasted hours by residents across the state (and country) trying to explain to the Heads of NSW & the country that these (what Government is calling) renewables will be obsolete. We do not want to have to stand up and speak, however if we don't those in Government will not learn.

The documented damage worldwide to the environment is obscene.

If the word renewable is used, it should be used to put these wind turbines on land that can be renewed. For example, if all the 5 coal-fired power sites are closed down (four remaining in NSW), then surely these sites would be a PERFECT site for all (so called)* renewable energy hub on the moon scapes that have since been created. The Battery Energy Storage Systems can be in situ ready for use by Newcastle and Sydney residents (where I believe that all of the Armidale REZ energy will be going & not local). A one stop shop .

I am ashamed to say that I did not speak for the people who lost their farms when these coal-fired plants were installed and now it is too late. All of those poor people lost their fight to

save their homes and the quiet life, but it is not too late to see reason. Those poor people have moved on (some with money in their pockets – which back then would have been a lot, but by today's standards, probably a pittance) and this is why I am asking the Government to look ahead. What the current Government are claiming is that the alternatives are too expensive, I suggest that they are looking at current values. They need to look towards the future and if they say that they will not be ready for 30 years, they need to not waste the money and community destruction in the meantime that will be wasted to create a 'band-aid' (so called)* renewable power supply solution.

I believe that the government is rushing into any (so called)* renewable energy project, just so it can tick a box so that their measures 'look' to be on track to meet the Paris Agreement (hoping to reach the reduction of the 2005 omissions by 43% reduction by 2030). Even Greta Thunberg opposes wind farm for energy use.

The traditional owners of the land are the Anaiwan and Kamillaroi people. The local indigenous population is still more than double that of the Australian average (5.4% in Armidale and 5.8% in Uralla – this is compared with the Australian average of 2.3%. This should surely be considered when allowing this land to be used.

Biodiversity is at risk, native animals are at risk (especially the Koala corridor) and water is at risk (with leakage), noise levels will disturb all that live nearby.


I hope that you will consider all objections to this (so called)* Thunderbolt Wind Farm energy hub as it seems fair that not only the submissions of the residents who live directly nearby should only be considered (as I live approx. 45km away), that all objections should be considered as this race for the Government to 'tick a box' seems to be near sighted for all of Australia.

Please remember, that once pristine land is lost, it cannot be renewed!

I do ask that the Australian Government slows down and takes time to smell the roses, before there are no Australian Bush Roses left to smell.

Thank you for your time.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynette Parton', written in a cursive style.

Lynette Parton JP

*(so called) = I believe it is incorrectly named renewable energy – as it cannot be renewed or reused.