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Location:	New South Wales 2358	Key issues:	Biodiversity, Visual impacts, Noise and vibration, Heritage, Agricultural impacts and land use
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I wish to raise issue with the proposed wind turbine network. Being a landholder in the Salisbury Plains area not far from the proposed site; I have a number of concerns about this proposal.

This area is home to various threatened and precious species of wildlife. Said area is without doubt a unique environment for these animals to live, reproduce and generally add to the biodiversity of the area. It is unthinkable that in our quest to seek renewable energy alternatives (I am supportive of renewable energy on a whole), some of our most sensitive areas of natural significance will be negatively impacted.

The visual landscape of the area will be changed forever. This fact is highly distressing to myself and many other stakeholders whom have grown up in the area, love the area and the natural beauty it possesses. Once this landscape is changed, it is changed forever. This change will without a doubt alter the appeal of the area for tourists and persons wishing to relocate to this region. The flow on effect being the capital growth being significantly affected.

The area is knows for it's varying agricultural uses and is arguably one of the states most productive food bowls. The majority of the country in this area is highly valuable land for food and fibre production. It's capacity to produce the aforementioned far exceeds that of country to it's west.

We cannot think that by displacing animals from varying sensitive ecosystems, removing old growth trees and changing the landscape with the aid of heavy machinery that we will then possess a climate change silver bullet.

I urge the empowered stakeholders to actively exercise discretion and communicate empathetically with those affected. You have come to this area to change the landscape forever. Those affected will then be left to live amongst the panels and turbines while the wealthy developers return home. This does not pass the pub test and history will judge you for how you proceed.

The empowered stakeholders must consider how their actions would be perceived in the media. This issue has already gained significant traction in the media. It is a hot topic and is being watched closely.