



STEPHEN WARD

SUPPORT

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Organisation:		Key issues: <i>Energy Transition, Social and economic</i>
Location: <i>New South Wales 2354</i>		
Submitter Type: <i>I am a member of the local community who would be particularly and directly affected by the proposed development</i>		
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With regard to Thunderbolt Energy Project, as a neighbour with views of the proposed wind farm I have no issues with seeing the turbines, indeed I look forward to them.

I believe the project will provide a valuable energy generating asset to the state, particularly with the immanent closure of coalfired power stations.

Whilst I do support the project, I do not support the Uralla Shire Council or Tamworth Regional Council taking 66% of the Community Benefit Sharing Fund (a proposed 1.5% of the capital cost). I believe this money should be administered by a Community Fund, not by the local Councils, whom to this point have shown only opposition to this project, and given no indication that any of the appropriated monies will be spent in the surrounding community.

I believe the project can be a valuable asset to the community but ask the IPC to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of the Community Benefit sharing Fund and not simply allow the Councils concerned to take the majority of this funding (which is designed to help the surrounding communities) and add it to their general revenue with no oversight into where it is spent.
