



Uarbry Tongy Lane Alliance Inc.

Facebook: /UTLALLIANCE

21 May 2025

Independent Planning Commission
Via email: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Valley of the Winds

We have noted the recent correspondence from the Department to the IPC referencing contamination. The report that the Department attached - Preliminary Site investigation by Ramboll Australia for the Applicant, from February 2020 - was to verify the Applicant's desktop assessment. However, the community's concerns are **not** about existing contamination (which the PSI has covered), but rather **future** contamination from the construction and operation of the applicant's project.

With over 100 bores within a 2 km radius of the site footprint and run off from the Girragulang Cluster on the Western edge running directly into Croppy Creek, Turee Creek and the Talbragar River the potential for watercourse contamination from the project is high.

There is a large amount of cropping country along the Girragulang Cluster boundary, closest to Turee and Croppy Creek, that is less than 2 km from the project boundary. We have already stated that during our Livestock Producers Assurance (LPA) audits we are required to state whether our stock graze in areas close to turbines, solar and, or transmission lines. Cropping areas are also subject to audit through Sustainable Grain Australia (SGA). Both the LPA and SGA are focused on producers selling an uncontaminated clean product.

How does the Department and the Applicant propose to protect this land from potential contaminants, including blade failure/breakage, turbine fires etc? What about "forever chemicals" - how far will Bisphenol A (BPA) from leading edge erosion of blades spread?

We want a guarantee that our land will not be contaminated from the applicant's project. If this cannot be guaranteed and the IPC approves the project, we want the conditions of

consent to reflect the applicant's responsibility for baseline testing and regular (at a minimum, annual) testing for the life of the project, for soil, watercourse and/or bore contamination within a minimum of 8 km, with such data publicly available. If contaminants are found, the applicant must halt operations until remediation (and potentially compensation) is successfully undertaken.

It appears the Applicant and the Department are not taking due diligence to protect the community in the rush to approve this project, however we trust the Commission will ensure the community and agricultural production is safeguarded.

Chair
Uarbry Tongy Lane Alliance Inc