

Hi my name is Nola Connor I live at [REDACTED].

My home is 3.3km from my closet tower T57 and looking at the updated photo montage on your website I'll see at least 9 towers.

My problem as a neighbouring resident with no financial gain from this project is that I will have to deal with ***the visual, the noise, the possibility of major fire risk and all the mental anxiety*** that goes with this project.

### **Visual**

The visual aspect of my property is one of the reasons I built out here in 2017 it's such a beautiful area with amazing views, beautiful flora and ***many many*** animals.

It's a beautiful quiet area to live in that is a lifetime goal for many. This is what this area provides.

The landscape and animals are incredible and soon to be decimated with the clearing of ***hectares*** and ***hectares*** of land, the construction of access tracks and construction of 220m high wind turbines.

This has been highlighted and objected to for years with written and verbal complaints but unfortunately with little respect for the land and any animals' existence. Koalas, Spotted Quolls, Wedge tailed eagles to just name a few that just simply are being disregarded.

### **Noise**

I simply do not want to hear the noise the constant spin ***day in day out*** which is proven to be mind altering.

The levels of noise I will be hearing has never been a topic of keen discussion.

I asked for noise monitoring equipment at my residence in the early stages to get an understanding what levels I currently have and what is to come.

This request was denied.

I have no idea what the noise level will ***actually be?***

Its fine to toss numbers around but the true levels unfortunately will be when its built so then it's too late.

Surely this is not an unreasonable request to provide this information.

Its almost like come in smash this area and walk away, out of site out of mind.

### **Fire**

I understand a fire can possibly happen anywhere anytime but the problem is I have seen photos of turbines on fire and this risk is surely increased with the installation of an oil filed rotating units that are installed on tree lined ridgelines and the bush areas picked out as ***ideal sites***.

I'd just like to know if this was to happen what's the plan in place for my personal safety??

***One way in one way out*** with the speed a fire can travel means this is a death trap for me.

***So how are all the approving bodies in this project ensuring my safety??***

***Phone reception in this area is very limited so therefore an real concern.***

### **Mental anxiety**

I've been fighting this project since 2018 along with my neighbours. We have had **many many** meetings, and I was also a member of the CCC committee.

All this time and effort involved trying to communicate with these Project Officers that really was not of any substance.

The problem stems from the lack of communication of this project.

I'd just like to like to point out I'm not against wind farms just the location chosen is way too close to residences.

I have never been contacted, spoken to or had a visit from Ark Energy. It's been over 3 years since any form of contact.

How is this possible?

I have never had a definite location of the towers, no noise levels communicated, no safety plans given and no mental support.

The information is so misleading and as far as I'm concerned, a deliberate plan to get the project over the line.

What this project has been successful at is dividing the community with the secret talking and meetings that have been going on.

False Radio announcements last week saying everyone within the 4km radius have been contacted. Absolutely not true I have not been contacted in over 3 years never spoken to anyone from Ark Energy.

Obviously with a defined radius of 4km stated this is an **admission** on their behalf these people are most affected and should be in constant contact with Project Managers.

The communication has been atrocious.

### **In closing**

Please, as I'm speaking for my heart, this project is changing peoples lives and that of their families. This cannot be taken lightly its way too close to families. I built out here for the natural beauty of the area that can never be replaced.

I'm hoping with some sincerity that you can see the passion we all share here today. Most of us do not enjoy speaking in a public forum it feels uncomfortable, but we do it in fear if we don't speak we have no chance.

For my myself and my family this project cannot be approved the location is way too close to residences and needs to be changed.

I welcome anyone of the approving bodies, as I have said all along for years, to come out and see the area what we have built what the landscape is actually like and don't rely on photos or internet based aerial photos.

This whole project seems unfair to have such an impact on our lives with decisions made by others elsewhere. ***Thanks for your time hopefully my words are taken seriously. Thanks.***