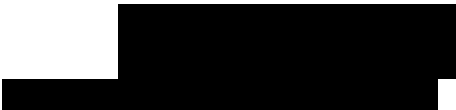


Wombramurra Station



Andrew Dyer  
Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

Dear Andrew,

**RE: Community Engagement Review by Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner**

Thank you for taking the time to meet in Tamworth on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September as part on the Hills of Gold Preservation Society consultation session. I really appreciate your desire to learn from what is happening in our communities and improve the process moving forward.

As discussed I feel there needs to be a reform of the process especially in relation the NSW DPE with rigorous assessment of:

1. Social licence.
2. Preservation of high value environmental, cultural and agricultural resources.
3. Net financial benefit for Australians with accurate transparent financial details to support this.
4. Net energy benefit clearly shown from the project over a reasonable timeframe.
5. Accountability and liability clearly associated with the proponent for transparency and honesty during development, running and decommissioning of all projects.
6. Suitable and clearly defined transport routes approved for all phases of the project.
7. Appropriate neighborhood agreements in place.

These issues should be the cornerstone to an acceptance or rejection of a project and there needs to be the ability for the NSW DPE to reject projects that do not comply. As discussed this may be able to operate on a traffic light system of red, amber, green.

Many of these projects hopefully operate for thirty years plus and I feel it is our responsibility to get this process right for our future generations.

Yours Sincerely  
Selena Sylvester