



Community Engagement Review – Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

Dear Andrew Dyer,

Please accept Burrendong SOS's submission to your Community Engagement Review.

As a group of over 60 'non-hosting' landowners surrounding the proposed Burrendong and Piambong Wind Farms, we feel overwhelmed with the magnitude of these operations. They will with turn our pristine countryside into an operating power station.

We have received limited and in some cases no consultation on their development, and many of us have endure years of stress as we try to navigate government departments and profit-driven developers. It is making our lives a living hell!

In our dealings with Ark Energy (Burrendong Wind Farm) and Vestas (Piambong Wind Farm), requests for inclusion in related Visual Impact Assessments are frequently fobbed off with business jargon, and we feel our concerns for professional noise impact assessments are not being treated with respect.

There is obviously a State-wide rush to meet renewable energy targets; with this, and with the proponent's single-minded profit objective, we feel, as small landowners, left out of the mix. Government bureaucracies can be impenetrable to outsiders such as us, and we need assistance and guidance in navigating 'the system'..

We would like to suggest that an advisory service be created, or formed within an existing department, to represent small landowners in dealings with large-scale developments, such as wind farms.

Burendong SOS is a member of Central West Orana REZist group, and we fully support all the points covered in their submission.

To quote a line from a famous Australian film, "The Castle"

"It's the vibe of the thing your honour".

Please consider this request in your assessment of the rapidly increasing growth of wind farms in regional NSW.

Yours sincerely
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