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### **Common sense prevails over wind farm 10 February 2005**

Members of the Molonglo Landscape Guardians were elated after last Tuesday's meeting of Palerang Council decided to refer two applications for 45 metre wind monitoring towers to the NSW State Government for a decision. The motion also expressed Palerang Council's opposition to the windfarm proposal and the monitoring towers.

The developers, Spanish wind-farm company EHN (Oceania) Pty Ltd, had lodged applications for the two towers to be erected on part of the site of the proposed Molonglo wind farm between Carwoola and Urila.

EHN already has two wind-monitoring towers on site but indicated, at a meeting of Palerang Council on 25<sup>th</sup> January, that the two additional towers were required to provide extra wind data for EHN's financiers.

Spokesperson for the MLG, President Margaret Ritchie, said the developers wanted Palerang Council to approve these two towers in advance of the State Government's consideration of a development application for the wind-farm.

"These two towers are clearly part of the larger wind-farm development. Approving them at this stage would have pre-empted the NSW Government's decision on the wind-farm and could have been seen as tacit support for the development" said Ms Ritchie.

She added that the MLG were very happy with Palerang Council's decision to refer the applications to the State Government. "The MLG will be lobbying the State Government to reject the Molonglo wind-farm, including these two monitoring towers, due to their inappropriate location in a populated rural area and on an environmentally sensitive site".

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