

TURBULENT TIMES

Your alternative source of information about the Molonglo Wind Factory Proposal

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Molonglo Landscape Guardians

On 18th January, a meeting was held of the group of local contacts for the community wind-farm effort, plus plus other volunteers. The group decided to form an incorporated association, the Molonglo Landscape Guardians, whose aim is to oppose the Molonglo Ridge wind farm.

Incorporation creates a legal entity that is separate from the individual members. Members of unincorporated bodies face the possibility of being sued as individuals. Incorporation provides a certain amount of limited liability for members, as long as they follow accepted business and community standards. Incorporation also allows the association to continue

regardless of changes to membership.

Application for Membership

If you are opposed to the wind-farm and would like to join the association, complete the enclosed application form and return it to one of the addresses on bottom of the slip. Remember to enter your contact details in the box at the bottom of the slip so we can contact you about your application if necessary. If you need additional membership forms please contact the Secretary, Ros Bush. Members will be notified of the dates of meetings, and everyone in the community, member or not, will receive our newsletters.

Activities

Since the last newsletter, we have been actively lobbying against the wind farm. Our activities include a meeting with Steve Whan, and various Government department representatives, as well as making contact with other important community and interest groups in the region to inform them about the wind-farm's impacts. So far, the meetings have been very worthwhile.

Steve Whan has publicly opposed the wind farm and the responses from Government departments and others have been have been encouraging.

We have planned more of these activities for the coming weeks.

No to additional wind-monitoring towers!

Palerang Council has referred two applications for wind-monitoring towers on the Molonglo Ridges to the State Government.

EHN Oceania wanted to erect the two towers on Woolcara Station in part of the proposed Molonglo wind-farm site. EHN said the towers were needed to provide wind data to their financiers. The Molonglo Landscape Guardians argued that the two towers were clearly part of the wind-farm proposal and should be considered as part of that development application. Council agreed and will be letting the State government know it opposes both the wind-farm and the two wind-monitoring towers.

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To join the Molonglo Landscape Guardians Inc, please complete the application form accompanying this newsletter. Additional forms are available from the Secretary, Ros Bush (contact details above).

Petition

On page 3 of this newsletter, you will find a petition opposing the wind farm.

We are gathering names of people who are opposed to the wind farm and will ask our local member of the NSW Parliament, Steve Whan, to

present the petition to the NSW Parliament.

To register your opposition to this proposal, please sign the petition against the wind farm. You can return the petition to one of the addresses shown.

Where is the wind-farm?

Some media reports have contained inaccurate information about the location of the wind-farm.

For clarification the wind farm starts at Yarrow Peak, continues south past Mount Molonglo and extends as far south as a wooded ridge about 2km from the boundaries of the properties at the end of Hardy Road. It also extends west towards Burra into the wooded ridges adjoining the Googong Foreshores and the Queanbeyan River. These ridges are 4km from the nearest home in Burra. The southern and western ridges are clearly visible from many parts of the Burra area.



View 1 taken from Candy Road, Burra

Still not sure where the wind farm will be?

Take a look at these photos taken from around Burra and Carwoola (next page). Does anywhere look familiar?

From some locations you will also be able to see towers located on ridges behind the ones in the photograph!

How much noise will the wind farm make?

The wind-farm will be audible in many of the residential areas surrounding the Molonglo ridges – how frequently and how loudly you will hear the noise will depend on how far away you live, wind direction and weather conditions.

We understand that EHN has told government officials that the windfarm will audible for 5km. Construction noise from trucks, machinery, digging of footings, concrete batching, and so on will, we believe, be audible over a much greater distance.



View 2 taken from Badgery Road, Burra



View 3 taken from Burra Road, Burra

Lodge your objections

If you haven't already done so, lodge your objections to the wind farm by writing to the decision maker:

The Hon Craig Knowles MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning,
Level 33 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY 2000.
Phone 02 9228 4204 Fax 02 9228 3718

How it will look? Say goodbye to your rural views



This photo-montage was created by a member of the Molonglo Landscape Guardians. The photo is of the Molonglo Range, taken from a private property in Widgiewa Rd, Carwoola. The images of the windtowers are in correct proportion and density. The photograph does not show the positioning of sub-stations, roads and tracks, and high voltage powerlines that will also accompany the development. Do you really want your rural views permanently polluted by this industrial complex?

Petition

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the New South Wales Parliament.

This Petition of residents of the State Electorate of Monaro and other certain citizens of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory brings to the attention of the House their objection to the proposed wind farm development for Molonglo Ridge. The proposed development is inappropriately sited on a prominent land feature in close proximity to residents' homes and will have a serious impact on residents' quality of life due to a negative effect on:

- The visual amenity of the area
- Noise levels during construction and operation
- Nuisance features of wind turbines for nearby residents such as shadow and light flicker and electromagnetic interference with television and mobile phone reception.
- Detrimental health effects as a result of noise and other nuisance
- Reduced property values as a result of the above.
- The local environment by killing birds, destroying natural habitat for wildlife and scarring the landscape
- The proximity to a large number of houses

We the undersigned therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to intervene to prevent the development.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

Return to Ros Bush, 1088, Burra Rd, Burra *or* Margaret Dorsch, 20 Wells, Place, Googong 2620
or Margaret Ritchie, 350 Widgiewa Rd, Carwoola, 2620 *or* Kim Martin, 42 Koombahlah Rd, Primrose Valley, 2620



60 wind turbines for Molonglo Ridge? But wait...there's more! EHN Oceania will throw in the noise generated by 60 wind turbines, kilometres of high voltage power lines and several years of construction traffic and disruption for free (steak knives extra)! What a deal...not!

Think your neighbourhood deserves better? So do we.

Join the Molonglo Landscape Guardians and help fight this proposal.

***Say NO to the
Molonglo Wind
Factory
in your backyard***