

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
ZONES (REZ) ON RURAL AND REGIONAL
COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Date Received: 29 January 2025

Partially
Confidential

We have a 43.3 hectare lifestyle property at . It sits on top of a hill, with 270-degree views of the surrounding hills and ridgelines to the north and west. It is beautiful.

We are in the Central West Renewable Energy Zone and will be adversely affected by the proposed Burrendong Wind Farm and Piambong Wind Farm in their current form.

The creation of this Renewable Energy Zone has caused enormous distress and upheaval to our once peaceful community. Meetings with the Burrendong developer, Epuron, now Ark Energy, have provided heat but no light, with platitudes and long-unanswered questions causing uncertainty and stress for us and our neighbours. It has now gone on for years, with no resolution in sight. (Ours is a non-involved dwelling, and we have had no consultation on the placement of the turbines).

And now the final straw.

Ark Energy were/are adamant that, amongst other things, a proposed wind farm nearby “has been shown to have no adverse effect on property prices and sales” (Andrew Wilson, General Manager NSW community meeting, Horatio Motor Inn Mudgee, 2023).

After 23 years, in late 2024, we put our property on the market. In December a buyer was found.

The settlement date was set for January 8, 2025. On January 6, two days prior to settlement, the buyers pulled out of the contract, citing their discovery of the prospect of the above-mentioned wind farms as the reason for their withdrawal.

Clearly, the two proposed wind farms nearby have directly affected – in fact, cost us – the sale of our property.

This is a devastating outcome for us.

When will planning authorities heed the protestations of landowners like us, whose lives are being so damaged by ill-considered renewable energy projects?

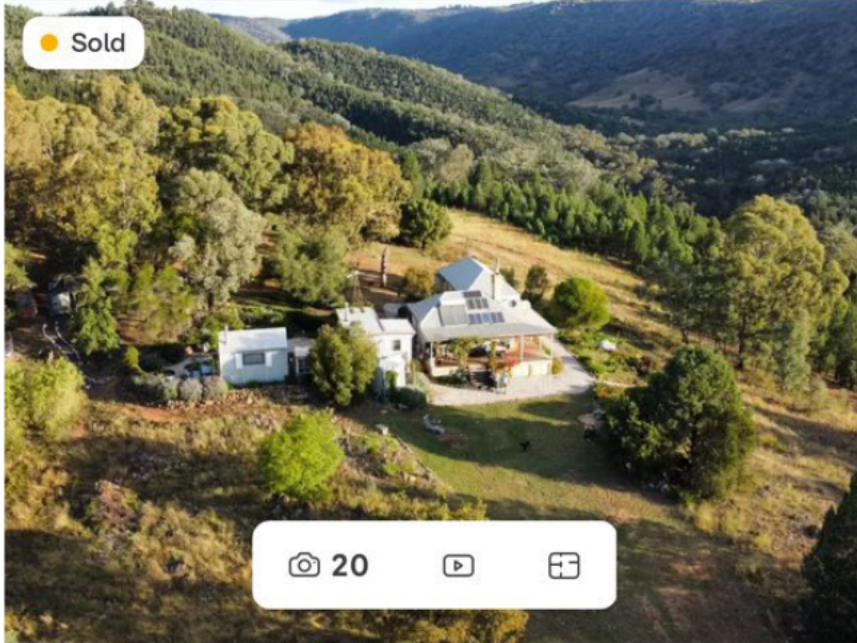
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