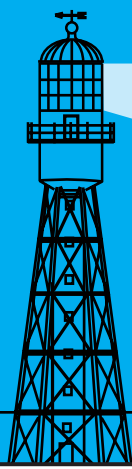


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KI's biggest employer urges islanders to vote 'yes' to TasWind feasibility

King Island's largest employer, Lion Nathan have taken a position on the Hydro Tasmania TasWind proposal, with its possible risks and impacts on Lion's King Island Dairy business viability, brand implications, its 100 employees and the wider island community.

"Lion is supportive of the use of renewable energy sources wherever possible," a Lion spokesperson told the KICourier.

"While we understand there are already wind turbines on King Island, we believe the size and scale of the proposed 200-turbine wind farm requires a feasibility study, to allow both the risks and opportunities to be properly assessed.

"As owners of the iconic King Island Dairy, our primary concerns are any potential impacts on the Island community itself, and ensuring we maintain an environment that is conducive to our dairy herds continuing to yield the same volumes of high quality milk they currently do."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

King Island and King Islanders No wind farm group spending considerable \$ to wobble friends with scare scenario mailout

Letter to the Editor

At the last meeting of the NoWindfram Group it was decided to try to "wobble" neighbours and friends who were undecided onto the "No" side.

This was to be by means of mailouts and a personal approach campaign centring around an "amuse then scare" scenario.

I find this disappointing given the amount of unsubstantiated literature available with which to scare people.

Whilst this may achieve what the "No" group want, will this achieve the best for King Islanders?

Motivations

The "No" group is spending considerable funds to bring in speakers, to organise off island tours by landowners likely to be successfully "wobbled", to engage a paid publicist.

It is sensible to ask where this money is coming from.

One of the most vehement speakers at the No Group public meet-

ing was a very wealthy individual who has made it known he will use all the legal options he has to stop the Windfarm.

Why? Not for health reasons, not for concern for island values, but, as he publicly states, because it may spoil the view from his newly acquired property!

A number of wealthy landowners and comfortable retirees do not appear to consider the need of King Islanders to employment and survival of our crèche, school and hospital facil-

ities which are dependent on a continuing population and economy.

Those families or individuals, without the financial resources to move easily on and off the island, to holiday away for six months of the year or to have medical needs met by private health cover in Victoria or elsewhere, need the island infrastructure to be maintained.

Consequences for King Islanders

The Tasmanian Health Department is

unlikely to continue, into the future with a full hospital or geriatric residential facility on King Island for a continually decreasing population.

The golf courses will bring in tourists, and even wealthy land purchasers who want to use King Island as a holiday destination. This will provide a few jobs and will maintain land values - of major concern to some landowners who are clearly looking to sell in the near future!

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King Island: realise our potential Growing King Island's economy - without wind farms

King Island is on the threshold of an exciting and prosperous era, one that will deliver dozens of local long-term jobs. Let's not blow it.

King Island's unique place in the world, the warmth of our people, our dogged determination and willingness to put in the hard yards will help transform our home into a magnet for international tourists.

The Ocean Dunes and Cape Wickham golf resorts will attract thousands of visitors every year to King Island. Other businesses will expand or develop.

One thing's for certain, few of our potential visitors will come if it means gazing at 200 giant wind turbines.

Let Hydro Tasmania know: **we don't need a feasibility study to tell us a giant wind farm would destroy King Island's bright future.** No TasWind Farm Group