

From: [Jeanette Newman]
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This is why we desperately need you to attend the Canberra Rally on Tuesday 18th June.

My photo shows just two of the 400 tonne concrete footings, that will support the 176 x 136 metre high industrial wind turbine masts with their 50 metre blades, which will be strung out along 20 kms of the beautiful Gullen Range. What's even more shocking is that I was standing at Humph and Jen Price-Jones's boundary fence when I took it. The thought that these turbines will be operational in the New Year is horrifying, but to see how close they are to surrounding homesteads is unthinkable. The value of our properties has dived, we have been told by fire authorities that with each additional turbine, the ability to fight bush fires is severely compromised and we can expect the health issues which have presented in other communities surrounding turbines, to be present in our's.

Every day, this prospect is coming closer to home. It's not a dream but a reality, unless we prevail. For this reason we must use every opportunity to press home our opposition to the inappropriate siting of industrial wind turbines.

One such opportunity is in Canberra on Tuesday 18th June. It is imperative that as many people as possible attend. A poor attendance will be taken by politicians and the wind industry that we are conceding defeat. Whilst not true, that will be the perception and it will be shamelessly used against us to undermine our credibility.

I know that there will always be reasons not to go to another rally. We all have meetings to attend, appointments to make, cattle to wean, sheep to drench, fences to mend or children to mind. But the stakes are high enough to justify the sacrifice. It's so easy to think that "it won't make any difference if I don't go". Just remember, once development approval is given, the fight gets so much harder.

Some of you may recall the movie "Erin Brockovich", a story of big government and big business showing callous disregard for the suffering of people living in rural communities. Please get it out, even if you saw it years ago: it will bring home to you the predicament we are in.

They say a picture paints a thousand words and if you don't want this nightmare view from your paddock, please, please, join us in Canberra on June 18th.

If you have difficulty getting to Canberra, please let me know and I will try to arrange transport.

Again, please stand up and be counted..... for all our sakes!

Warmest best wishes,

Jeanette