



Moyne Wind Farms – Council Resolution 27 November 2018 Summary Information Sheet

Council resolved that:

“Due to the proliferation, unabated and uncontrolled development of Wind Farms in the Moyne Shire makes the following recommendation to the State Minister for Planning:

1. That State Government immediately implements recommendation 8.2.1 to 8.2.7 contained in the 2017 Office of National Wind Farm Commissioner’s Report to Parliament and until this recommendation is implemented Moyne Shire Council shall oppose any further Wind Farm development in the Moyne Shire.
2. That Council write to the Hon. Jaala Pulford and Hon. Gayle Tierney requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister for Planning in Mortlake or Hawkesdale to meet a group of citizens concerned with the cumulative impact of proposed windfarms and transmission lines in the Moyne Shire”.

National Wind Farm Commissioner Recommendations 8.2.1 – 8.2.7 (paraphrased)

- Consider a range of wider criteria when assessing a wind energy project including prioritising projects in a locality, considering the degree of community support, suitability of location from a community impact perspective and proximity to more populated areas.
- State and local governments consider economic development and ability to support regional and industry development through improved local electricity supply and infrastructure in regional communities.
- Use zoning/overlays for clarifying where it would be appropriate to build and operate wind farm developments.
- Create an approvals process to ‘prospect suitable sites’ for wind farm development sites i.e. mineral exploration licensing.
- Regulate the need to obtain and verify evidence of the developer’s consultation with affected land owners and residents to assess community support for a project.

- When a wind farm has commenced construction, the impact of other permits existing in area but not implemented should be reviewed, having regard to compounding effects on residents of noise, shadow flicker and visual amenity with the ability to require modification to planning permit conditions and turbine layout.
- State Government should publish and maintain a map of all operating and proposed wind farms.
- State and Federal Government and AEMO should review current and planned transmission infrastructure to ensure optimal location for connections in an integrated manner.

Community Forums with Ministers

Council resolution has created a community expectation to have a meeting with representatives from Hawkesdale and Mortlake communities and State Government Ministers.

Would like to raise issues of:

- Cumulative impact
- Proximity to townships.
- Social impacts

Our community would benefit in hearing directly from government agencies.

Benefits:

- Forum with decision maker
- Learn about interrelated policy influencing decision making on renewable energy
- Led through legislative processes and frameworks
- Be transparent about roles and responsibilities of State Government, Council and permit holders.
- Understand how individuals and communities can be involved in assessment of wind energy proposals.

