

APPENDIX 11

**MWRC's cover and form letter to Mudgee
Residents dated 8th October 2013
Mid-Western Regional Council**



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Dear «Salutation»

Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Pty Limited (CWP) is establishing a wind farm in the Pyramul region consisting of 106 wind towers. When on public exhibition back at the start of this year, CWP proposed to transport the parts for the wind towers down the Castlereagh Highway from Gulgong, turning at the Honey Haven corner into Hill End Road, onto Windeyer Road and into Pyramul Road to the proposed site. Council made a large submission about the proposed travel route and the fact that these **roads are not capable of taking CWPs loads without substantial upgrade.**

For each wind tower there will be 8 oversize and overweight loads travelling to and from the site (see enclosed photos of what these will look like). CWP decided the cost of upgrading Hill End, Windeyer and Pyramul Roads was too high so they are now sending their oversized and overweight trucks through the townships of Gulgong and Mudgee, and then along the Castlereagh Highway.

These loads will be transported 6 days a week for 4 months from 9am to 3pm. **16 oversize trucks will drive past your front entrance every day except Sunday, for 4 months straight.** When the wind farm was on exhibition, transporting the wind towers along this route was not an option. Now that the exhibition period has been closed for months, CWP have told me and other Council staff that this is the *only* option. This is not fair. Residents deserve the chance to have a say, especially as the proposed new route will directly impact so many residents.

We have drafted a letter for residents to sign to show their objection to an entire wind farm being trucked through Mudgee and Gulgong, and past your property. If you do object, please sign this letter, add any additional comments you'd like to make, and send the letter back to Council **before October 18**. I will then present the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure with our local objections, and we will continue to lobby for a better alternative for our community.

We will continue to represent residents of the Mid-Western Region, and will continue to keep you up to date with any new information. Please contact my team at Council if you have any questions about CWP and their wind farm plans.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warwick L Bennett".

WARWICK L BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr Sam Haddad
Director General
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Level 1, 23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Haddad,

I am writing to you to express my strong objection to the transport route currently proposed by Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Pty Ltd (CWP or the proponent) for the development of the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm.

The currently proposed route was not an option when the project was on exhibition several months ago, and so residents of our community who will be impacted by the transportation of the wind farm components have never been consulted. This is unacceptable.

Wind farm components and the hundreds of oversize vehicles which will transport them should absolutely not travel through the residential streets and neighbourhoods of our towns. This is an unreasonable impact to impose on our community and our infrastructure.

I respectfully request that you continue to work closely with Mid-Western Regional Council as the local representative of residents and the community, and the proponent, to find an alternate and reasonable option.

I hope that as a developer, the proponent will ensure that compensation is provided for the impact the project will have on local infrastructure, particularly roads. With many other members of this community, I will look forward to your response and an alternate transport route to be proposed.

Add any other comments you'd like to make:

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Address



An artist's impression of how CWP truck will look on Mid-Western Region roads

