To the Planning Department,

My comments relate to the future planning of Wind Farms within the state particularly the lacking Zoning and Governance within the Industry.

A list of my concerns include:
A limited 10 day window for Development Applications that contain 1000’s of pages of documents
Guidelines set in 2012 which only accounted for turbines half the size of those being built now
Category 2 Zoning, when Wind Farms clearly have an influence over an entire region
Any "Green" energy Wind Farms being allowed to be built on sites containing fragile or endangered species
No extensive research conducted on the impact of frost due to Wind Turbines bringing colder air down into valley regions making other production industries at risk due to ineffective frost fans.
Limited research on other key areas such as, infra sound, vibration testing, and testing done on sound when the turbines are not brand new done at reduced speeds
Guidelines should be checked by external departments not paid bodies by the Energy provider as the information release to government bodies is inaccurate, full of omissions and in some cases completely false.
The lack of a Regulatory body that actually has any power to regulate of Govern the industry (The National Wind Farm Commission has absolutely no power to dictate to the big energy companies - this was a Government decision)

Companies that provide Green Energy still have the wrong focus and that is on profits.
It should be on being Environmentally friendly and being a consistent and high generation source of clean energy.
This is being aided by the lack of regulation by the Planning and Governmental bodies that are allowing overseas and domestic companies to bulldoze the local inhabitants of the State.

Stricter and more independent governance is vital for this to be a sustainable avenue of good green energy, and greater research needs to be placed on the industry, as we have seen with many sectors, companies have no ownership over the effects of their business to the people, they can always just sell at a profit and move on leaving the state with greater issues

Thank you Nick

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