



BINALONG-BOWNING
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP





Purpose Statement:

The foremost purpose of this community group is to STOP the Bendenine Wind Industrial Development proposed for the Bowning/Binalong area.

We are a community-driven group committed to advocating for energy justice to ensure the wellbeing, unity, and future of our community and ecosystem.

We stand as defenders and protectors of our local interests, ensuring that decisions affecting our community are fair, transparent, and beneficial to all.

We are not anti-renewables, we believe renewable energy and in climate change, but we also believe in a fair go for our community.

Mission:

To foster a united and informed community, building trust and transparency while protecting our community's social wellbeing, financial security, mental health, and environmental integrity.

We are dedicated to ensuring that our community is given a fair go when industrial development proposals that benefit few and impact many.

We seek to maximise community benefits and minimise harm.



Values:

Community First: Our priority is the wellbeing of our community.

Honesty and Transparency: We deal in facts and promote open, timely and truthful dialogue.

Unity and Inclusion: We work to keep our community connected and informed.

Fairness and Justice: We believe in equal treatment and protecting community rights.

Sustainability and Protection: We value our environment and the preservation of our ecosystem.



Goals:

- 1. Community Unity:** Strengthen bonds and maintain the sense of belonging.
- 2. Informed Decision-Making:** Ensure that our community has access to timely, accurate and factual information.
- 3. Advocacy and Protection:** Defend the social, financial, and environmental interests of our community.
- 4. Promote Fairness:** Challenge industrial developments that benefit a few at the expense of many.

Key Areas:

1.Community Impact:

- We aim to highlight the direct effects of proposed industrial developments, focusing on the financial, social, and environmental consequences.
- Our focus is local impact, not opposing renewable energy or climate change initiatives.

2.Financial Injustice:

- We will advocate against developments that result in financial harm, for example the NSW Valuer General's statement that land values may drop by at least 30% around turbines.
- Insurance implications

3.Mental Health and Social Cohesion:

- We will call out and address the potential loss of community unity and the mental health challenges that arise from this large-scale development.

4.Safety and Environmental Concerns:

- We will highlight fire hazards and risks associated with turbine installations.
- We will advocate to protect our country's wildlife and ecosystems from development harm.

5.Fairness and Community Agency:

- We will call out the imbalance where small, everyday changes require community consultation, but large developments do not.
- Advocate for the right to have a voice in significant community changes.



Key Messages:

- **Fair Go for Our Community:** Demand that local voices are heard and respected.
- **Not Anti-Renewable, Pro-Community:** Our stance is not against climate action, but for balanced, community-centred decision-making.
- **Defending Our Future:** We aim to protect our community's financial stability, mental health, and natural environment.
- **Advocating for Honesty and Transparency:** Ensuring that our community is accurately informed and fairly treated.