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Your Submission

Howdy!

A month is not enough time to review the documentation, but it appears that's what we've been given.

I'm the greens candidate, and I'm fully on board with the oncoming energy transition. I'm [REDACTED] off with a large part of the Australian population for letting private investment be the vehicle of transition, but that's a separate conversation.

As always, when a company comes in doing any big project, the concern is that the top priority is the money the company will make. Not to say that they won't give thought to the community impacts or environmental effects, but that those concerns will always be secondary to the making of money. That's the business model.

On paper, the star of the south project is fairly conscientious of these secondary factors. It will remain to be seen once the turbines exist how closely you prioritise them.

I hope to see in your environmental effects management plans measures such as raised cut-in speeds, painted (or retro reflective) blades, and ongoing monitoring of avian mortality, given the multiple endangered species crossing through the path of the proposed area. I hope too, that in the future you will work closely with the experts currently running the conservation programs for these animals, to ensure open communication and rapid responses to needs for things like shut down periods, though truth be told I won't hold my breath.

Avian mortality is a big one for wind turbine rhetoric, and I understand the stupidity of people who have free-roaming cats, who drive cars, frothing at the mouth at the largely unknown impacts of this project. It's still a valid concern, and remains an opportunity for positive relations and publicity, to come out and loudly state that you will prioritise environmental responsibility alongside your profits.

I haven't the statistics in front of me, but I'm aware that three of the most effective measures to mitigate avian mortality are shutdown periods during migration times, raising cut in speeds and having blades perpendicular to the wind direction when wind speeds are below cut in speeds so turbines don't freewheel without generating electricity, and the painting of blades with UV reflective paint.

I'd love to see a commitment by your company to instill these measures into effect, and wait with bated breathe to see how this plays out.

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