

Dear Peter and C4 friends,

Re: The Public environment Report EPBC 2021/8983

Chalumbin Public Environment Report EPBC 2021/8983.

<https://arkenergy.com.au/news/2022/11/7/321-invitation-for-comment-epbc-act-draft-public-environment-report/>

Good morning Peter and friend.

Please see notice found in Cairns Post yesterday that the Public Environmental Report is out.

A comment I received from a Steering committee member - It is completely inappropriate for a foreign company with onshore interests to be handling the consultation process and the results of the submissions. This is the job of the federal government, unless they want to admit we are a corporatocracy and just give Ark Energy the go-ahead and the gate keys already. This is the sole responsibility of the Federal Environment Minister Plibersek, NOT the company who wishes to develop the site. However, moving forward:

Peter, due to the enormity of the proposal, that will have irreversible affects to the Wet Tropics region, could we speak about how best we can assist the people, including indigenous Jirrbal custodians, who will require assistance to make submissions. Also we are taking the Community Barrister's advice and working with traditional custodians who are deeply distressed and cry at looking at Kaban Wind Farm in development, that they wake up to every single day. More information below of short films, which includes the most recent Upper Burdekin, which will need attention. I've also included Barrister Raymond Broomhalls presentation, who received a standing ovation by the community, held in Ravenshoe on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022. Time is the essence as we only have 30 days to respond.

## INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### Chalumbin Wind Farm, near Ravenshoe, Queensland (EPBC 2021/8983)

NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT REPORT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999 (EPBC Act)

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95A (3) of the EPBC Act.

Chalumbin Wind Farm Pty Ltd proposes to develop the Chalumbin Wind Farm Project approximately 15 km south-west of Ravenshoe in north Queensland. The project referred involved the construction and operation of up to 95 wind turbine generators (WTG) and associated infrastructure. The project has since been revised with the Public Environment Report assessing the construction and operation of 86 WTG and associated infrastructure.

The proposed action was determined a Controlled Action under the EPBC Act with a Public Environment Report level of assessment. The controlling provisions are 'World Heritage Properties' (sections 12 and 15A), 'National Heritage Places' (sections 15B and 15C), 'Listed threatened species and communities' (sections 18 and 18A) and 'Listed migratory species' (sections 20 and 20A).

Public materials will be on display in hard copy for a minimum of 30 business days **between 7 November 2022 and 16 December 2022** at the following locations:

- **Ravenshoe Library** (Public Reading Area), 24 Moore St Ravenshoe, Qld 4888.
- **Tablelands Regional Council** (Front Reception), 45 Mabel Street, Atherton, QLD 4883.
- **State Library of Queensland** (John Oxley Library – Level 4), Stanley Place, South Brisbane, QLD 4101.

Public Environment Report materials will be published online for a minimum of 30 business days **between 7 November 2022 and 16 December 2022** at <https://arkenergy.com.au/news/2022/10/31/321-invitation-for-comment-epbc-act-draft-public-environment-report/>

The Project's original EPBC Act Referral (superseded by the Public Environment Report) documentation is available for viewing at <https://arkenergy.com.au/news/2022/10/31/321-invitation-for-comment-epbc-act-draft-public-environment-report/> and in hardcopy at the PER display locations.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to comment in writing on the Public Environment Report by **5pm 16 December 2022**. Persons with special needs (i.e., for whom English is a second language or with vision impairment) may also contact the proponent for assistance on [info@chalumbinwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@chalumbinwindfarm.com.au)

short Chalumbin film - <https://vimeo.com/582415839>

Short Kaban Film <https://vimeo.com/633451905>

Short film Upper Burdekin - <https://vimeo.com/706882264>

Georgina & Patricia speak out – Cairns event 15.5.2022

[https://youtu.be/To\\_ZLnO4uTk](https://youtu.be/To_ZLnO4uTk)

Jirrbal Traditional owners Tully Event 14.4.2022 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojUpXCHR-CQ>

### [Yahoo Chanel 7 news](#)

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/fear-wind-farm-noise-could-displace-critically-important-koala-populations-024432885.html>

**People may not be aware that 25,000 hectares of Koala and Greater glider habitats are proposed to be cleared, for fast-track rollout of renewable wind & solar developments. Most of these developments lie in the catchments of the Great Barrier Reef, and are adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage national park. We have just discovered another 81 proposals.**

**Areas of the highest highland biodiversity and cultural heritage, such as Chalumbin, Desailly, Mt Fox and Upper Burdekin are precious ancient ecosystems that are worthy of becoming National Parks. They are the last remaining high elevation wilderness areas we have in FNQ. The unique wildlife that live here are simply irreplaceable, and cannot be offset. Offsets cannot be used to justify nature being desecrated.**

Barrister Raymond J. Broomhall here discusses concerns about the proposed Chalumbin wind farm. Also covered are the implications to human safety, cultural heritage, health, flora, fauna and property.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EkysS\\_c7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EkysS_c7c)

**Chalumbin: a vast carbon sink that provides refuge to wildlife that needs cooler temperatures to survive.**

**Intact remnant forest must be conserved for our biodiversity - critically imperiled wildlife live here.**

**Here is a short film of Chalumbin, Ravenshoe  
Chalumbin**



<https://vimeo.com/582415839>

Kaban Wind Farm in construction <https://vimeo.com/633451905>

This is a video: Upper Burdekin [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czmbhrQKj\\_EShort](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czmbhrQKj_EShort)

**Destructive and invasive: Land clearing and fragmentation at nearby Kaban Green Power Hub. Edge effects, Feral pests, weeds and contaminants have been introduced to the landscape. Mature Den trees, home to Greater Gliders, have been lost. It will now never return to what it once was. This is Kaban land clearing for one wind energy tower.**



Kaban in construction today. The land clearing footprint is minimal compared to the cumulative affects of driving wildlife to extinction. (right – the wind towers stand 226 metres high into the sky, dwarfing the forests below. The proposed Chalumbin wind Farm towers will stand 250 metres high.



Kindest regards  
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