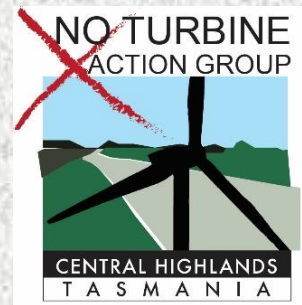


# NO WIND FARM - ST PATRICKS PLAINS CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, TASMANIA



## No Turbine Action Group Inc

*"I have travelled, worked and fly fished all round the world and I am very passionate about preserving Tasmania as one of the last iconic destinations which offers peace and ambience for our future generations" Malcolm Crosse, Director of Operations, 2019 World Fly Fishing Championships*

**Who Are We?** The No Turbine Action Group Inc (NTAG) is a not for profit community group from diverse backgrounds who have an affinity with and connection to the rugged wildness and unique cultural landscape of the Highland Lakes area of Tasmania. We are strongly opposed to the inappropriate location of the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm development by Epuron. We are not anti-development and support viable renewable energy projects at better sites in Tasmania. Our passion is to protect the remoteness and unique scenery, wildlife, recreational and heritage values of a place in the heart of Tasmania that is special to many from all parts of the world.

**Who Is Epuron?** Epuron is not the investor who owns the project but the Company which seeks to gain approvals for wind and solar farm developments around Australia including other projects in Tasmania. Once approved, Epuron on-sells the Development Approval to an investment company, usually foreign, with ownership of essential infrastructure in Australia and profits going offshore.

**What does the Project entail?** St Patrick's Plains proposal is an installation of 67 gigantic turbines 240 metres tall (three times the height of Hobart's Wrest Point Casino) on 10,000ha of land belonging to 6 private landowners. Turbines straddle a large section of the main artery into the Central Highlands (Highland Lakes Rd) including the historic State Reserve Steppes area as well as other Gateway roads to Tasmania's world-renowned fishing lakes. Twenty-one (21) turbines will be seen from Penstock Lagoon, the "jewel" of the lakes and chosen venue for the 2019 World Fly Fishing Championships. Epuron plans to construct or upgrade 78km of roads in the wind farm area.

**What are Our Concerns?** The turbines are too high, too many and too close to Gateways to the Central Highlands. We consider that this is **not a suitable location** for a large-scale industrial site. It will have a detrimental impact on stunning countryside where magnificent forests merge into a treeless plain that contain rare and threatened wetland communities, Wedge-tailed eagles, and Tasmanian devils. There is a loss of scenic and skyline values; a severely diminished fishing experience at Penstock Lagoon; visual, noise and health issues for residents and shack-owners in surrounding communities; reduced tourist experience; killing of nationally endangered Wedge-tailed eagles (with 18 known nest sites identified within the area or near the boundary); a serious threat to other raptor and migratory bird species; increased fire risks; loss of amenity and property values for residents; as well as a cumulative effect from the nearby, recently commissioned and more suitably sited Cattle Hill Wind Farm (owned by Goldwind with 80% PowerChina, a Chinese state-owned listed enterprise).

### **We Need Your Help**

This is a David and Goliath scenario. We need verbal, written and financial support to protect the Highland Lakes area from a massive industrial development for future generations to enjoy. We have engaged one of Australia's most prominent and successful lawyers with extensive knowledge of wind farm developers' operations. We have a good case to stop this development but acknowledge that it will be difficult.



**YOU can help stop this wind farm intrusion into the Central Highlands, Tasmania:**

**Become a member of NTAG (\$10 annual fee)  
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**Bank: NAB**

**Account Name: No Turbine Action Group Inc**

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**Account Number: 824739588**

**Description/Reference: Your name**

*Your support will help us fund research, advocacy and publicity about St Patricks Plains turbines and give us access to the best expert and legal advice in Australia.*



St Patricks Plains Wedge-tailed eagle (photo Helen Ridley)

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