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Community input is important to us

Conversations we've had so far have refined and improved the Neighbour Agreement, ensuring it reflects local concerns. We aim to give you the facts so you can make informed decisions. We're open to feedback and we'll keep listening.

The Project

Myths	Facts
✗ The project can't progress without neighbour deeds.	✓ False. The project does not need neighbour deeds to progress.
✗ If you don't sign, the setback is 3.5km.	✓ False. The setback for a 300m turbine is 1.9km.
✗ You don't get any money until 2028.	✓ False. Sign up now for a $5,000 upfront payment. Ongoing payments start once construction begins, expected in 2028.
✗ There's no guarantee of payments.	✓ Payments are based on turbine distance and numbers near your property. If fewer are built, payments adjust fairly. We'll cover up to $2,500 legal advice before signing.
✗ There's no guarantee turbines will be removed at the end of their life.	✓ Under the lease, the company must maintain the facilities/ land in accordance with all laws and approvals, including decommissioning/removal of equipment at the end of the lease.

Property

Myths	Facts
You can't build more houses on your land.	False. The deed allows any number of new houses.
Signing means you can't sell your property without the Neighbour Deed.	True, but you can sell anytime. The deed simply transfers to the new owner so they continue receiving payments.
You can't sell your property without the project's approval.	False. You can sell freely. The deed simply transfers to the new owner so they can access payments and insurance protections.
If you have a mortgage, your bank must review and approve the deed.	True, but this is a safeguard. Bank consent confirms the deed doesn't affect the bank's security over your property, giving you added confidence.
Insurance shifts liability to landowners.	False. Insurance protects participating neighbours if the project is accidentally damaged (i.e. a fire started by the participating neighbour). We'll cover up to $2,500 for independent legal advice before signing.

Right to object

Myths	Facts
Payments are to keep landowners silent.	False. There's no gag clause. Payments recognise project impacts on neighbours and the program is voluntary. We'll cover up to $2,500 for independent legal advice before signing.
Signing means you can't object or sue.	False. You retain full rights to object to impacts not listed in the deed, and can take legal action if laws are broken. We'll cover up to $2,500 for independent legal advice before signing.
Signing the deed waives your rights forever.	False. You keep full rights to object to impacts not listed in the deed, speak publicly and take part in the NSW planning processes. The deed is designed for transparency, not to silence you.

Impacts

Myths	Facts
The deed hides or ignores impacts to landowners.	False. Impacts like noise, views and activity are listed in the deed. If you face an impact not listed, you can object. We'll cover up to $2,500 for independent legal advice before signing.
Computer-generated images are deceptive.	False. The images are TrueView simulations, created so the community can clearly see likely turbine height and placement. They're indicative, not deceptive.
Sound testing and inspections are intrusive.	False. Testing only occurs with notice and consent. If any damage occurs, you'll be compensated – you're never left out of pocket.
Fire inspections are a form of control.	False. Fire checks are independent safety inspections, always with notice and your permission. They're for everyone's safety. The Developer pays if improvements are needed, not you.

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