

# Keep Chalumbin Wild

Why it matters.

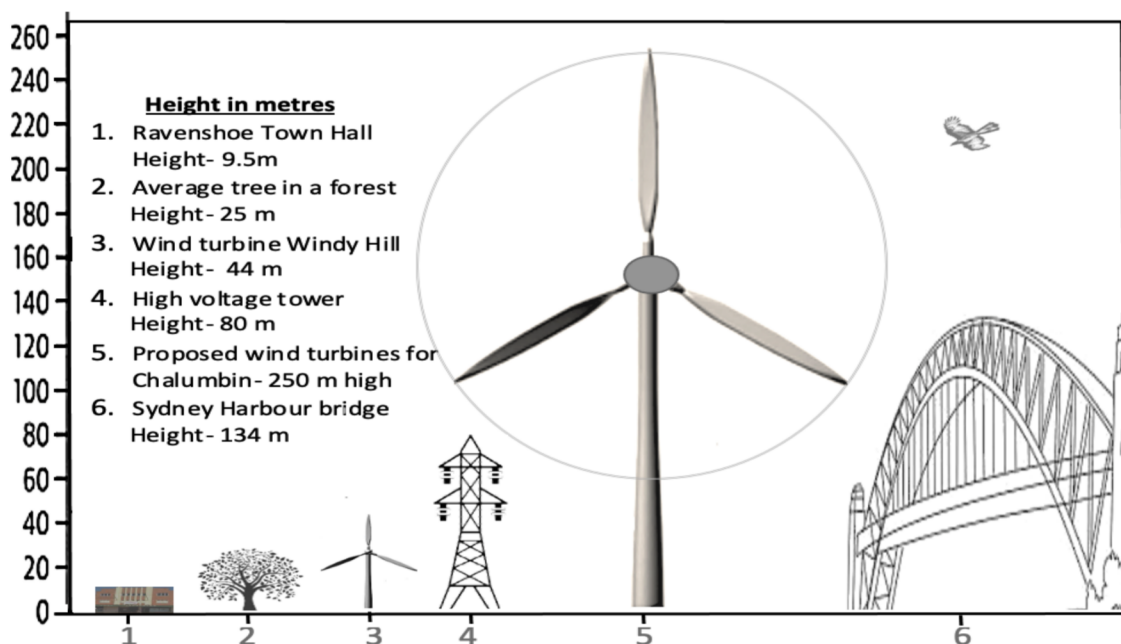
## Key Points

Foreign owned multi-national corporations are making billions of taxpayer funded dollars, by leasing land in Australia to build industrial scale wind farms. Many are built in areas of high biodiversity with abundant wildlife. The site for the Chalumbin wind farm (78,000 acres) is home to many critically endangered species (including koalas) and is culturally significant to the Jirribal First Nations people.

- **There are 8 new industrial developments planned for the Atherton Tablelands region. (1.)** Wind "farms" are popping up all over the world in very inappropriate places.
- The proposed site near **Ravenshoe**, called **Chalumbin**, is a high altitude, highly biodiverse area on a ridgeline adjoining **Wet Tropics World Heritage** area. **Chalumbin is totally unsuitable for development.** With cleared pasture land in abundance on the tablelands, what justification is there for this development on this site?
- **This site is being targeted due to its proximity to transmission lines, maximising profits for developers.** Foreign owned multi-national corporations are leasing land from land owners to build industrial scale wind "farms". In this case, **Epuron**, which has recently been sold to **Korea Zinc** corporation.
- **Chalumbin** is home to **critically endangered species** and is culturally significant to the **Jirribal** First Nations, containing sacred sites and burial grounds. There is substantial information available regarding the rare and precious flora and fauna of Chalumbin. (2.)
- **Raptors** are attracted to wind turbines. Kill numbers are hidden by not collecting data for statistics.(3)
- **Australia's ecosystems are already collapsing.** We have the worst extinction and land clearing rates of any developed country, especially Queensland.

## Scale of this proposal:

- Covers **78,000 acres** (311 square kms)
- **94 Turbines, 250m tall** with 75m long serrated blades (the tallest building in Cairns is 55m).



**Each turbine has 800 cubic metres of concrete** in the base = 32 house slabs.

Multiplied by 94 turbines = 3,000 house slabs. (The concrete will never be removed).

- **94 monoliths** would be placed along the ridge of the **Great Dividing Range**, straddling the border of the **Wet Tropics World Heritage Area**, stretching for over **40 kms**.
- **Epuron** proposes to build a **145km** long by **75m** wide **road** through the site. (4)

**Once carved up for access roads, the forest will be vulnerable to invasive weeds, feral animals and disease.**

**Wooroora Road is the proposed access route, a quiet rural residential road**, about 9km long.

- **Epuron** plans to **widen the road**, build new bridges and **blast** Stony Batter Hill.
- This would entail **3 years of roadworks** followed by construction.
- It is estimated that there would be an **extra 350 vehicles** on the road **daily**.

### **Plundering Nature with Public Funds**

**All government bodies**, State, Federal and Local are willing to use our tax dollars to **subsidise** these projects to the tune of **billions of dollars annually**.

- The **subsidies** according to the *2015 Senate Select Committee report on wind turbines*, were **conservatively** assessed at **\$500,000 per turbine, per year**, whether they are working or not. Multiplied by 94 turbines = **\$ 47 million per year**, to subsidise **just one** wind farm. (5)

**None of this makes sense until you factor in the Carbon Credit.**

- A carbon credit is a **permit to pollute**.
- **1 credit = 1 ton of CO2** or the equivalent in other greenhouse gases.
- For example, landowners can earn carbon credits to grow **trees in marginal areas** where forests will not survive. They have received 8.2 million carbon credits worth more than **\$100 million annually of taxpayer's money**. (6)

**There is no net reduction of greenhouse gases.** These "green energy" projects (earning carbon credits) are not reducing emissions but are **offset** so that the government can continue **to burn fossil fuel**.

**Cheaper Power is a fallacy.** Power will be exported. (7)

**The mining of rare earths** and other minerals needed to run all electric cars, turbines, solar panels etc. leave horrendous carbon footprints. China does most of the mining, either in China or third world countries with corrupt governments, leaving poverty and disease in their wake. (8)

**Despite major opposition from the town of Ravenshoe, Epuron is pushing forward with the proposed project. Chalumbin is a wholly inappropriate site for their project and considers little but maximising Epuron's profits and serving the interests of the Korean mining company that owns it.**

**Actions you can take:**

- Do your own research. Some links are listed below.
- Join [rainforestreserves.org.au](https://rainforestreserves.org.au). Sign up to receive updates.
- Explore Matt Lachlan's comprehensive website: <https://stopchalumbinwindfarm.com>
- Share this information. Print this article.
- Put up a sign on your property to voice your disapproval.

### **Links:**

1. <https://yoursayhpw.engagementhq.com/understand-qrez>
2. <https://www.rainforestreserves.org.au/keep-chalumbin-wild>
3. <https://windmillskill.com/blog/wind-farms-slaughter-kept-hidden-public>
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lz2qgm1Ru4>
5. [https://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary\\_business/committees/senate/wind\\_turbines/](https://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/senate/wind_turbines/)
6. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-03-24/insider-blows-whistle-on-greenhouse-gas-reduction-schemes/100933186>
7. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-04-20/environmental-impact-sun-cable-northern-territory/101001042>
8. <https://www.abc.net.au/foreign/blood-cobalt/13769990>