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Circular Head Mayor Calls for Calm Over Robbins Island Wind Farm

Circular Head Mayor Daryl Quilliam said recent criticism of a proposed wind farm for Tasmania's North West was not based on facts.

Mayor Quilliam has repeated calls for former Senator and Greens leader Dr Bob Brown to visit the area to get a full understanding of the project.

"The fact that Dr Brown said this project will be impacting in the Tarkine, shows that he needs to come and get a full briefing," Mayor Quilliam said.

"Unfortunately Dr Brown's comments have put unfair criticism on what will be a valuable renewable energy project for Tasmania."

Mayor Quilliam said the proposed \$1.6 billion project had undergone multiple levels of rigorous investigation and community consultation.

"The design and review of both the Jim's Plain and Robbins Island projects are on a scale not experienced in the Circular Head area before," Mayor Quilliam said.

"The proponents, UPC, are to be commended for their extensive liaison with the community and all government agencies at state and national levels."

Mayor Quilliam said UPC has provided factual information to the Circular Head community and the wider North West for more than 18 months as the project concepts have been developed.

"This has demonstrated that both renewable energy projects do not impact the Tarkine wilderness area," Mayor Quilliam said.

"It is false and misleading to say that these projects will be anywhere near the Tarkine."

Mayor Quilliam said he encourages everyone to explore and seek the facts for themselves.

"These projects have the potential of great benefit to the local area, the North West region, state and nation as a whole," Mayor Quilliam said.

Mayor Quilliam said the social, cultural and environmental aspects of the proposal will be covered in detail when the Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan is



lodged for assessment by various government authorities including the Circular Head Council.

“It is highly counter-productive to have high profile people undermining the genuine rigorous assessment processes being undertaken,” Mayor Quilliam said.

“This undermines the opportunity for the North West, and Circular Head in particular to play an active role in providing a reliable renewable energy future for us all.”

Project information can be obtained by accessing the UPC project and community information at <https://robbinsislandwindfarm.com>.

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