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## **ENVIRONMENT WINS OVER DESTRUCTIVE CHALUMBIN WIND PROJECT**

The proposed Chalumbin wind project on the Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland has been rejected on environmental grounds.

Senator Malcolm Roberts said the rejection called the entire net-zero transition into question:

‘Common sense has prevailed – You can’t save the environment by destroying thousands of hectares of forests as wind and solar projects will.’

‘After local environmentalists made a fierce, years long campaign which I wholeheartedly supported, Minister Plibersek looks like she is managing appearances rather than the environment.’

‘30,000 hectares of remnant forest will still be cleared across 52 wind farms on the Great Dividing Range in Queensland under current proposals.’

‘Destructive projects like the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro in prime platypus habitat at Eungella must be ruled out.’

‘Projects like Smokey Creek Solar that were quietly approved against local protests because they didn’t have a talented nature photographer like Steven Nowakowski to tell their story must be revisited and put through the full environmental assessment.’

‘Communities all throughout Queensland are facing similar, environment-destroying proposals. Minister Plibersek must subject these to the full environmental assessment where they will undoubtedly fail as Chalumbin has.’

‘I congratulate the local environmentalists for their campaign to preserve this unique environment.’

‘The net-zero plan for wind and solar cannot supply our energy needs and will destroy the nature Queenslanders love the most.’

‘The government must stop killing the environment while claiming they’re saving it.’