

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM

Application No	SSD-9679
Location	Approximately 5 km south of Hanging Rock and 8 km south-east of Nundle
Applicant	Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Limited
Council Area	Tamworth Regional, Liverpool Plains Shire & Upper Hunter Shire
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

Development of a wind farm with up to 70 turbines, battery energy storage system, transmission line, grid connection and associated infrastructure.

Exhibition Details

The application for State Significant Development (SSD), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents will be exhibited from **Wednesday 2 December 2020** until **Friday 29 January 2021** and are accessible electronically on the Department's website (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition).

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy has decided that the proposed development Hills of Gold Wind Farm, near Nundle, NSW is a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities)
- Sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species)

The proposed development (EPBC 2019/8535) will be assessed under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. The public notice for the project may be found at:

www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notice

Have your say

Anyone can make a submission about the development application during the exhibition period.

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If you cannot lodge online, you can post your submission to the address below. If you want the Department to withhold your personal information before publication, please make this clear at the top of your cover letter and do not include personal details in your attached submission. If you post your submission, it needs to be received by the Department before the close of the exhibition period.

Your submission must include the following:

- Your name and address, at the top of the letter only;
- The name of the application and the application number;
- A statement on whether you 'support', 'object' to the proposal or are only making a comment;
- The reasons why you support or object to the proposal; and
- A declaration of any reportable political donations you made in the previous two years.

Privacy statement: Before making your submission, please read our Privacy Statement at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy or call the number below for a copy. The Department will publish your submission on its website in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

To find out what is reportable, and to access a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or telephone the number below for a copy. The disclosure requirements apply to both postal and online submissions.

For more information: Contact (02) 8217 2022 or 1300 305 695



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All applications for State significant development (SSD) and modification applications are listed in the table below and any accompanying documents such as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be accessed on the Department's website (<http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/>) during the exhibition period. A person can make a relevant public submission (which means a written submission made by a person objecting to or supporting a relevant planning application or any development that would be authorised by the granting of the application) about an application during the relevant exhibition period by following the prompts on the Department's website. If a submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of objection must be specified in the submission.

A person who makes a relevant public submission to the Minister or Planning Secretary in relation to any of the applications listed below is required to disclose all reportable political donations made in the previous two years (EP&A Act, s 10.4(3)(b)). To find out what is reportable, and to access a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or call 1300 305 695 for a copy.

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Application Number	Location & Council Area	Proponent/ Applicant	Consent/Approval Authority	Project/Development Description	Submission Period	Public Hearing ¹	Controlled Action ²	EPBC Act - Controlled Provisions
SSD								
SSD-9679	Approximately 5 km south of Hanging Rock and 8 km south-east of Nundle, within the Tamworth Regional, Liverpool Plains Shire and Upper Hunter Shire Council Areas	Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Ltd	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or the Independent Planning Commission (IPC)	Development of a wind farm with up to 70 turbines, battery energy storage system, transmission line, grid connection and associated infrastructure	Wednesday 2 December 2020 until Friday 29 January 2021	No	Yes	Hills of Gold Wind Farm, (EPBC 2019/8535): Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities); Sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species)

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces may request the Independent Planning Commission to hold a public hearing into, amongst other things, development that is the subject of an SSD application, at the time of publication of this notice, or at any time in the future (EP&A Act, section 2.9(1)(d)).

² Controlled Action under Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act (in accordance with provision 16.03 (2) of the EPBC Regulations): The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy has determined that these applications are a "controlled action" under the EPBC Act. These applications will be assessed under Part 4 of the EP&A Act. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. The public notice for the project may be found at: www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notices