

OBJECTION:

Assessment of Nundle's EXISTING TOURISM.

Reasons for Objection:

Reason 1. Many of Nundle's Existing Tourist Industry assets will be impacted negatively by the Project. There is no section of the DA that addresses in a holistic way, the socio-Economic impact of the Project on local tourism.

- Nundle Hanging Rock Tourism Assets There are at least twelve (12) references made to these valuable assets in the DA documents: 'tourist destinations', 'rolling hillsides', 'sense of place and identity', 'tourist attractions,' 'unique historic and natural setting',' the mountain range', 'value of heritage', summed up by the statement that Nundle has a *thriving tourism industry* (4.2.9 Appendix N1. P. 41)
- An adequate appraisal of Nundle's Tourism Assets is provided by Consultants and acknowledged by Engie in the EIS. However, it does not translate into an assessment of the impact on these assets of thousands of vehicle movements, many of them Oversized and Over Mass, through the Centre of the village over a two-year period at least.
- Significant Tourism data is available to support the fact that the existing tourism is thriving, including: Nundle's Visitor Information Outlet records 10,000 visitors a year (based on an average of ten years of Daily records kept at the Outlet) ; Nundle Woolen Mill records more than 30,000 visitors a year; Nundle Tourism enterprises have won numerous awards local, Statewide, and Nationally: ,Woollen Mill, Odgers and McClelland Exchange Stores, Nundle Visitor Information Outlet; Overall State winners award for Tidy Towns 2014.
- The EIS excluded Tourism in the EIS when they asserted that there would be *some inevitable impacts associated with the Project*. biodiversity, visual and noise impacts were noted, but not existing local tourism(EIS Summation. 23.6)

Reason 2. No section of the DA addresses the Project's likely impact on visitor/tourist numbers or the likely impact of the massive increases in traffic movements on tourism, during the 2-year Establishment and Construction period.

- Traffic movements and hours of operation will impact significantly of Tourism, especially day visitors and caravanners.
- The DA proposes that **141** Vehicle movements **per hour**, **502** Vehicles movements per day will be experienced during Construction periods, which compares with existing traffic volumes in Oakenville St at 48 vehicles an hour.
- **Oversized and Over Mass vehicle movements**, proposed to be 1,462 traffic movements during an approximate 18-month period, are treated separately and need to be added to these above figures,

- The DA says that Heavy vehicles traffic should avoid School Peak periods *where possible*, and that heavy vehicle movements in Nundle Village will be restricted to *daylight hours and dawn and dusk are to be avoided*.
- Schedule construction traffic deliveries such that it is evenly dispersed as practicable *and where possible outside the morning and afternoon Peak hours*
- *Permanent Operations and Maintenance Facility, Access ..will be required on a 24 hour basis,7 days a week'* (EIS Tables 2.4.4; 3.7 (Traffic) ;10.4.4.12-2 ;12.5, p.236-7 ;12.6.3,p.224; 3.2.8 p.50)
- The Promoters are required by SEARs and Tamworth Regional Council to assess impact on tourism for Nundle Village and Hanging Rock. This has not been addressed , except by occasional references, as a section in the DA documents.
- **SEARs Requirement:** *EIS must include an assessment of the social and Appendix A Attachment 1,p.4)* **Tamworth Regional Council** requirement: EIS, Tamworth Regional Council to Department. (no pagination): to consider the impact of the that the EIS needs to consider *the likely impact vehicles relating to the construction period will have on the Village of Nundle(EIS 4.3.5).*

Reason 3. No section of the DA addresses the Socio-Economic impact of the Construction Period on Non-Accommodation and Non-Food Businesses . There is no compensation or financial contribution offered for the 2 year period that will see a ten fold increase in traffic through the center of the Villages of Nundle and Hanging Rock

- A number of landowner businesses are being compensated with annual cash payments as compensation. (See Neighbor Benefit Sharing 2.4 Wind Farm Acknowledgements, p. 4)
- Accommodation and Food, it is said , would benefit (App P, p. 16 p.76)
- No assessment has been made on the non-Accommodation and Non-Food businesses who are likely to suffer during the 2 year heavy traffic Construction period .
- Project workers may consume all available accommodation in the local area leaving tourists no option.
- Nundle has at least eight (8) businesses that are not Accommodation or Non-Food Suppliers. These 8 businesses depend largely on Tourism.

Promoters admit that *While there are some inevitable impacts associated with all wind farm projects...the impacts associated with the Project have been fully assessed.... (....associated with the project ...have been fully assessed... EIS E. 6 Executive Summary p.xcvi-xvii)*

There has been no full assessment of the impact of the Project on Non-Accommodation and Non-Food Businesses during the establishment and Construction period.

There is no financial contribution or compensation offered to local businesses who will suffer, especially during Establishment and Construction phase

