

I object to Hills of Gold Wind Farm for many reasons, but as an animal lover I am particularly concerned about the loss of habitat from proposed land clearing in the project area, roadsides, and tracks.

Koalas are a real worry because the local heavily timbered country is being looked at for healthy breeding populations because koalas on the Liverpool Plains have been badly reduced.

I have been delayed stuck behind wind turbine blades being transported on the New England Highway and I do not want to experience delays on a regular basis going about my daily life around Nundle.

I do not agree with the sponsorship money that has been offered to community groups during the development of the project and while it is being assessed. This amounts to bribes, buying community support from people who do not realise the implications, or who's support is easily bought.

I do not like the social division that the wind farm has caused in the community. It used to be a cooperative community. This proposal puts business over community. This project benefits big business, not a small community and tourist attraction.

Moving the wind farm concrete batching plant, substation, operations and maintenance building, transmission lines, towers, wider easement, and Western Connector Rd to the Crawney end of the project will disrupt the lives of residents and visitors there. What a disgrace to damage the award winning DAG Sheep Station, peaceful Teamster's Rest, and the many family homes along Crawney Rd.

The industrial structures would disrupt people wherever they were proposed in this landscape because rural lifestyle blocks and wind farm infrastructure are not compatible. The noise, visual impact and shadow flicker would change the character and experience of living in and visiting the area.

The project relies on vegetation screening as mitigation, when we all know that can disappear in one storm or drought and take decades to replace.

There are very few Associated Dwellings within 5km of the project, which sends a clear message to the Department and IPC. This project has little community support.



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