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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO. SSD 9679

- I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application during Public Exhibition of Amendment Report November 2022. ✓
- I hereby declare that I object to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID no. SSD 9679. ✓
- I would like my personal details withheld. ✓
- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years. ✓
- I acknowledge and accept the Department disclaimer and declaration. ✓

Signature: _____

I object to the wind farm on the grounds of the reduced ability to fight fires at Hanging Rock with aircraft or helicopters. Engie said in their documents that some of the personnel will be trained as firefighters, but how many personnel will be present on site after the construction finished and during day to day operations? Without the aerial support it is difficult to keep up with the fire here.

The developer has said that there will be no public access to the wind farm site. What about the Morrisons Gap road which is a public road?

Where will they get the water for the project? It is still unknown. Hopefully not out of our local creeks and dams or the unlicensed bores the major host has put into the ridge. All these earth works on the top of the ridge will interfere with rain absorption into the soil and will result in run off during heavy rain. There will be extra silt affecting the creeks and rivers downstream.

There is the issue of dust on local roads and older people in particular will be affected. We are used to our very clean air here. Also the quarry in the state forest is something that people in Hanging Rock are not happy about and the many trucks carting gravel coming through the village for two years. We do not want all this traffic here. This is a very quiet location with kids or tourists often walking along the road near Sheba dam.

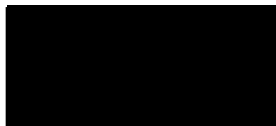
The transport routes interfere with the school bus route and there is no firm promise not to transport components during school bus hours.

I object to the koala habitat being affected, it is getting smaller and smaller, and they are now officially endangered. There are many wombats there and simply digging them up and relocating is not the way to protect them. Removing the turbines from the locations where wombats have their burrows is the way to protect them.

They must remove the turbines from the vicinity of the Ben Halls park! It would be a bad idea to destroy the habitat and threaten birds to supposedly protect the environment with this "green" project.

A lot of road widening is required to transport the large components and many trees along side will need to be removed.

I object to what they propose to do in the Nundle village with the roads and intersections. It will cause a major disruption to traveling through the village and to Tamworth.



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