

**Application name:** Hills of Gold Wind Farm  
**Project ID:** SSD-9679  
**Submissions close 13 December 2022**

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To whom it may concern

**RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO. SSD9679**

- I am attaching my submission to the above-mentioned development application
- I hereby declare that I **support** the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID SSD-9679
- \* - I would **not** like my personal details included in the submission
- I have not made any responsible any reportable political donation in the previous two years

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

***Please do not include my personal details in my submission***

I support the amended plan for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project SSD-9679.

I have been fortunate enough to have lived in the Nundle district for all of my life. Sadly though I have seen the population and employment opportunities decline. There was once 30 odd staff on both the local Forestry Team and Shire Council. Now you could count the number employed on your fingers. I attended a thriving school of around 80 pupils, I believe the enrolment numbers for 2023 may be in the low 20's. I recall the larger properties employing many families, now contract employees are the preferred option – fair enough modern technology replaces many things. There are simply not enough employment opportunities to employ persons for a sustainable future.

Tourism has and will always be a drawcard to Nundle. It is a beautiful part of Australia. As a community we should come together in partnership with the developers to ensure the landscape beauty and biosecurity is managed correctly.

Our cultural heritage includes goldmining (many mines were dug across the locality- the littering water races and diggings are a tourist attraction), forestry (a lot of land was cleared and planted with non-native trees, the cool beauty of the trees is a tourist attraction), Chaffey Dam was built (productive farms under water, families moved out – the recreational area is a tourist attraction). All this happened and Nundle is still here, the river still runs, the snow still falls at Hanging Rock and the visitors still come.

Of course there will be some inconvenience on the roads whilst the over-mass vehicles are moving. We will all need to plan ahead a little, get around them on the pull over sites, go around them in the side streets. We will work it out.

Wind farms have been built near other towns, some of their residents objected which is their personal choice to be respected. The farms are now complete or nearing completion, the town is still there, the people are still there and there has been no national media announcements that the water, flora and fauna has disappeared. They all survived.

Construct the wind farm, hold them accountable to the development consent conditions. The community should play a role in a sustainable future and work with the developers and government agencies to ensure future bio-security protection, ensure that our community grows and receives the benefits of being part of the development.

Thankyou.