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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 am objecting to the main issues this wind farm will bring to this area:

Biodiversity:

The developer proposes to use the offsets to mitigate the biodiversity impacts. This is not acceptable, it still results in the loss of habitat. If existing cleared paddocks somewhere else would be regenerated and converted back to bush to compensate for the loss of habitat on the ridge where the wind farm is proposed, it would make sense and provide a true offset of the impacts.

I disagree with the proximity of the turbines to Ben Halls Nature Reserve. This is a scientific reference park and there are not many of those around, it should be completely undisturbed.

Visual impact

In plain words - it's going to look terrible. This mountain ring around Nundle is like a welcome poster, it's called the Hills of Gold for a reason. It is unacceptable to have a wind farm sited so close to the heritage village and many residences and lifestyle properties who's views will be ruined.

Transport

The state of our beaten up roads is appalling and those roads can not cope with any more traffic. It is worth noting that the developer is not proposing to do any significant road improvements (apart from replacing bridges) until after the construction is finalised. Many people will be putting up with dust during construction period and the extra pot holes. The village of Hanging Rock will see a dramatic increase in traffic including over a 100 trucks per day and many light vehicles. There are houses which are located **very close** to the road, as this is an old settlement area. But the proponents are saying that our local roads are arterial roads with 100 km/hour speed limit, which is incorrect.

I strongly object to the modification of roads and intersections in Nundle itself, the introduction of no parking zones, removal of street trees.

Tourism:

The novelty of the wind farms wore off long time ago and they do not generate enough interest to be beneficial to tourism. They all look the same and there are plenty of them around. The main host has stated many times to the local community that he will not allow access to his property.

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