



HILLS OF GOLD PRESERVATION INC.
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To whom it may concern,

Hills of Gold Preservation Inc submits an Objection to the Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification:

Mod 1 – Turbine and Infrastructure Changes
Application Number SSD-6696-Mod-1

Hills of Gold Preservation Inc members are opposed to the proposed Modification to Turbines and Infrastructure.

It is common wind industry practice to submit Modification Applications post State Significant Development Approval, proposing greater impacts on a community than have been assessed and compensated. Meanwhile, it is proposed to significantly increase the potential power generation (and developer's income) from 962 to 1,320MW.

In the case of the Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification, the applicant proposes Modifications so significant that they warrant a new Development Application.

The practice of gaining approval for a renewables proposal with less impacts, then applying for Modifications with significantly greater impacts sends a clear warning to NSW rural communities to not trust renewables developers entering their communities.

It breeds resentment for renewables and Renewable Energy Zones imposed on rural communities without their consent.

Who would sign an agreement with a renewables company not knowing the full extent of the proposed impacts for themselves, their families, and communities? How many owners of Associated Dwellings now regret signing agreements with the developers of Liverpool Range Power Plant given that the impacts being proposed are significantly greater?

As we have witnessed at Nundle, a proposal can dramatically change before assessment, and in the Liverpool Range case post approval.

Landholders would do well to sign nothing, and not give renewables companies any permission for an open-ended development proposal on their land and in their community.

The Liverpool Range Wind Farm proposed Modifications raises red flags for the following reasons:

- The increase in turbine height from 165-250m. This would result in significantly greater visual impact for a larger number of non-associated dwellings than that previously assessed.
- It introduces increased impacts caused by transport of turbine components, including greater vehicle movements of about 600 per day on local roads.
- Some turbines are relocated outside the previously approved development corridor.
- The proposed increase in micro-siting from 100m to 250m could potentially result in greater previously unassessed impacts for non-associated neighbours.
- The land clearing required for the proposed Modification goes against the Federal Government preparations to protect threatened species by reforming land clearing legislation and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.
- The Modification proposes increased clearing of native vegetation, including larger area cleared for hardstands, roads, cabling, transmission lines & towers. This would impact seven NSW listed species
- The Modification does not take into account the cumulative impact of Valley of the Winds power plant proposed in the same area. This would result in 370 x 250m tall wind turbines surrounding the town of Coolah.

Hills of Gold Preservation Inc has full empathy for the landholders impacted by the proposed Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification.

We understand their values and the affection they hold for their rural landscape, community, and biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

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