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Attention: Anthony Ko

Dear Sir,

Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) – Amended Development Application

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Amendment Report No. 2 in respect of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm project (SSD-9679) near Nundle.

It is understood the amended proposal involves:

- Removing the construction of Devil's Elbow bypass road and potential impacts to the Black Snake Gold Mine curtilage, which is a key concern of Tamworth Regional Council (TRC);
- Removing the requirement for retaining walls along Morrisons Gap Road, and reduce traffic along Morrisons Gap Road which is a key concern of TRC;
- Increasing the separation distance between turbines on the boundary with the Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve, improving biodiversity outcomes;
- Creating a 1.2 km buffer through the removal of WTG 41 to reduce bird and bat barrier effects and in response to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) aerial firefighting concerns;
- Providing greater certainty to the proposed curtailment for potential impacts to threatened bat species; and
- Option of reducing haulage by trucks through the township of Nundle and the broader local and regional road network through sourcing material from a quarry in proximity to the Project (9 km north of WTG 69).

Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) has reviewed Amendment Report No. 2 and does not have any concerns or comments regarding the amended proposal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mathew Pringle, Director Planning & Infrastructure, on 6540 1100.

Yours faithfully



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