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From: A very concerned regional resident

Dear Team Leader

**My Objection to Amended SSD-9679 Hills of Gold Wind Project**

I object to the proposed modification to SSD-9679 because:

- the turbine height change is a very significant modification that will make the visual pollution already in the approved plan even worse, including from the local villages and nearby Reserve and National Park
- even more native vegetation, koala habitat and therefore wildlife habitat will be destroyed by the clearing 68km<sup>2</sup> of the land, particularly along 24km of the mountain ridges
- increased risk of fires spreading uncontrollably from turbines that will catch fire over the projected life of the project works, which would be near impossible for fire-fighters to control, as witnessed last month when a grass fire threatened Beryl solar works; more than a dozen fire-fighting units and three water-bombing helicopters took four hours to bring a relatively small fire under control in benign conditions
- even more bats and birds, including the protected Wedge-tailed Eagle and endangered Barking Owl, both of which are also under threat from an approved solar project and proposed solar and wind projects near Gulgong .
- the overall size of the proposed changes should require a new application to submitted, not just a modification.

Regards

A very concerned regional resident