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Lodged by a Resident of MWRC LGA

Dear Team Leader

I Object to Amended SSD-9679 Hills of Gold Wind Project

My objections to the proposed modification to SSD-6896 are that:

The proposed modifications massively increase size of the project, which would now require more land clearing and much more visually intrusive wind turbines at 230m high. The country views will be nothing more than views of a sprawling industrial complex that requires enormous resources to produce very little electricity when it is actually required. The modification should not be approved.

My electricity bills have been rising every year over the last five years despite changing every year to the cheapest electricity retailer. These cumulatively massive bill increases coincide with 95% of all NEM grid investment in that period being for renewables. This relationship between increased renewables in the electricity system mix and its required infrastructure needed for transmission and backup when the wind and sun are not available was evident in the UK, Germany, USA and other countries before 2022. It has now become an energy crisis in 2022 for those countries and also Australia. This project, if approved, will only greatly increase my, and others, future electricity bills. The proposal should not be approved.

I am very concerned about the massive increase in heavy vehicle traffic that this project and several other projects will cumulatively cause over the next several years. I regularly travel through the Liverpool Plains, Nundle, Tamworth, New England, Singleton, Newcastle areas to visit my children and grandchildren in Northern NSW and in the Central Coast. With possibly thousands of extra light and very heavy vehicle movements each day my already long travel times will be increased as well as being significantly more dangerous. The condition of the Golden and New England Highways are bad enough at the best of times but the transport of extremely large and heavy wind turbine towers and blades, as well as Lithium batteries, inverters, etc. will make them significantly worse. Road repairs will increase and so journey times will blow out substantially. The proposal should not be approved.

Please reject **SSD-9679 Hills of Gold Wind Project**.

Your sincerely

Resident of MWRC LGA