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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO.SSD 9679 AND THEIR AMENDED APPLICATION**

I am attaching my submission of **OBJECTION** to the above-mentioned development applications Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Limited and their amended application (SSD-9679).

I hereby declare that I **OBJECT** to the hills of Gold Wind proposal ID No. SSD 9679.

I do not require 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.



Brett Gorman

## **SUBMISSION OF OBJECTION**

I strongly **OBJECT** to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID No. SSD 9679.

Further to my previous submission I object to the amended proposal by Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID No. SSD 9679. We live at 85 Jenkins Street, Nundle, in a cottage behind the main building which we run as a guesthouse.

I do not believe anything in the amend proposal have elevated any of my original concerns, if anything it has raised many more concerns should the proposal be created.

Of all the meeting whether run by the applicant or other meeting where the applicant has been represented by difference people have, they answered any concern of people put to them been answered satisfactory. They have always been very vague in their answers or contradict themselves. I believe we have been misled by the applicant from the start and the applicant should be put to the test of each point they have asserted in the amended application.

I know I will be directly adversely impacted if the applicant is granted, and the Hills of Gold Wind Farm is built. I believe it will not only affect my health, but I will also lose my business and home.

We moved to Nundle from the Northern Beaches of Sydney because the traffic and the noise it created was becoming unbearable and affecting our health. We picked Nundle because it is such a peaceful and quiet town with not a great deal of traffic passing through it.

Currently during the day, you rarely hear or notice any traffic noise from my residence it would be on the rarest occasions you will hear any noise in the courtyard and deck area or in my residence. But whatever traffic there is, it is not constant or intrusive producing minimal noise you hear. Of a night there is minimal traffic, the sounds of the frogs in our backyard are louder than the traffic noise.

I believe the granting of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID No. SSD 9679 will destroy my business and the value of my property as we will lose all our guests during the construction phase of the wind farm.

The massive increase traffic movement (especially heavy trucks) will be heard inside and outside the guesthouse and my residence. How can my guests or myself relax in an area with the massive increase in traffic noise, both on the northern, eastern and western sides of the guesthouse. Who will want to have a function when you just hear the constant noise from trucks and the visual impact of these heavy vehicle. They will no a great background for photos. All you see now is a paddock with trees.

There will be no peaceful, quiet, or tranquil areas for our guests or myself to relax. Will my guests or myself be able to sleep or relax in their rooms during the day or even the night because of the constant traffic noise. Managing a guesthouse, you work strange hours and the moment it is not uncommon during the middle of the day that I try and catch up on sleep. I won't be able to do this if the application is granted because of the traffic noise.

The applicant will not guaranteed there will be movement of heavy vehicle or components during the school zone hours or of a night. Of course, this will happen when there has been delays in transporting the components or they must catch up on work because of bad weather (or bushfires) or any other reason. If they need get work done, they will do it night and day.

If one side of Jenkins Street is turned into an no parking zone, it is going to affect every business in Nundle, it will be a nightmare to find parking within suitable walking distances from the businesses. I as well as my guests must park our cars on Jenkins Street outside the guesthouse. If you remove the parking from one side of the street there will not be sufficient parking spots to do park your vehicle.

We were told the turbines will not be seen from Nundle village. Seeing the photo montages, the turbines will be clearly seen from the village looking south in Jenkins Street and entering the village. I have no doubt they will be seen from the eastern side rooms of the guesthouse, plus the southern side of the village, the road to Hanging Rock and Gill Street.

Then the placement of the obstacle aviation lights on the turbines, will that effect my guests in rooms on the eastern side of the guesthouse, as many guests leave the blinds up and window open. Will the lights also effect the stay nights will we have in Nundle, there are so many stars you can see in the sky of a night, they are so beautiful. Will this change with the aviation lights. Just recently with our guests we watched a solar eclipse at the guesthouse, and it was so clear. I doubt it would be clear if the turbines are constructed.

A major concern of mine is what will the vibration from the oversized over mass vehicles and trucks will have on my building. The guesthouse is a solid building and is heritage listed like most of the buildings in the village. I have no cracks in the walls, ceilings, or brick work of the building. None were detected when we had a building inspection done of the guesthouse. I have no doubt the constant oversize and over mass vehicles and truck movement some 3 meters from the guesthouse will affect the structure of the building.

The proposed road that is to be built at the rear of the guesthouse in the paddock will have a massive impact of flooding of Nundle during heavy rain. It can be seen from the recent floods we had in Nundle; it was cut off due the roads being flooded. I believe by building the road which will have to be raised, will create a dam wall, and may directly affect the flooding of my property and prevent the water from draining away. There will be greater impact on houses up stream by flood water coming down the Peel River. Especially the houses in Herring Street, Innes Street, and the houses in Jenkins Street south of Innes Street.

I believe from my experience during the last heavy rain period where the township of Nundle was cut off because of the flooding of Oakenville Street the flood level will be much higher because of the construction of the road and will impact the houses of the western side of the Peel River with flood waters. I believe the flooding will become a common occurs with the building of the by-pass road, where Nundle will be cut off from flood waters.

I also object the to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal because of:

- the serious impact it will have on Koala Habitat,
- the 447 hectares clearing of natural vegetation, the bird and bat strike treat,
- the extreme cut and fill road carved into the ridge line and what impact that will have on the water run-off,
- the high visibility of the turbines and roads,
- how it will seriously compromise the aerial firefighting,
- the serious threat to biodiversity and natural habits of Ben Hall's gap nature reserve,
- the extensive tree removal in Nundle Village,
- the introduction of the 'No parking Zones' in Jenkins Street,
- the red obstacle lights illuminating the ridgeline at night.
- Being able to see the turbines from Nundle,
- The massive increase traffic movements through Nundle, especially trucks and heavy vehicles,
- The increased risk of flood in Nundle because of the construct of new roads and the increased run off from the land clearing.
- My business forced to close, my property losing value and health issues I may suffer.

I believe people will not come to Nundle once the construction of the turbines commences, my guests have told me they will not come once the construction phase commences. The Hills of Gold is a heritage area that will lose its charm and appeal. My business will be forced to close, the value of the will of the property will decline. Turbines do not attract tourist, nature does. Once it is destroyed by building the wind farm it will be lost to us and all future generations.

Why must I suffer health issues or the massive economic loss I will incur because of the building of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm. There so many places in NSW which are better suited for wind farms. I think it comes down to greed from a small hand full of people who are going to make a lot of money from the building of the wind farm, they don't care about the community only the pockets.

The reasons both my own and the majority of people in our area for not granting the wind farm application far outweigh the reason to build it. It the amended wind farm proposal does nothing to elevate my previous concern in my original submission of object, it has only raised more concerns.

For those reasons alone the application by the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID No. SSD 9679 must be refused.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Gorman', is positioned above the printed name.

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