

PRESERVE THE HILLS OF GOLD

64 turbines along approximately 20 kilometres of ridge line.

Height to tip of blade at 230m makes the turbines
approximately one third the height of the ridge line.

No degree of mitigation can reduce such a visual assault.

Excessive visual impact destroys the integrity
and identity of the Hills of Gold



Above: the proposed wind farm
viewed from Nundle Road on the
approach to Nundle village.

Right: turbine height at 230m
compared to Crown Casino at
Barangaroo, height 270m



*All photomontages
prepared by Moir
for the Hills of Gold
wind farm project
tend to negate
and obfuscate
the actual
visual impact.*

EXCESSIVE VISUAL IMPACT

OK? Let's clarify the blinking obvious: the overall cumulative visual impact of the HoGWF project has been grossly under assessed in both the original EIS and the Amended DA.

Height to top of blade at 230 metres - higher than average height of Sydney CBD skyline - the conga line of turbines will spread along about 20 kilometres of the Hills of Gold ridge line.

As the Proponent readily concedes, a certain degree of visual impact is part and parcel of all wind farms, but with a project like this along a ridge line, and because of the number of turbines and the turbine height relative to the height of the ridge, no amount of visual screening can avoid the industrialisation of the skyline.



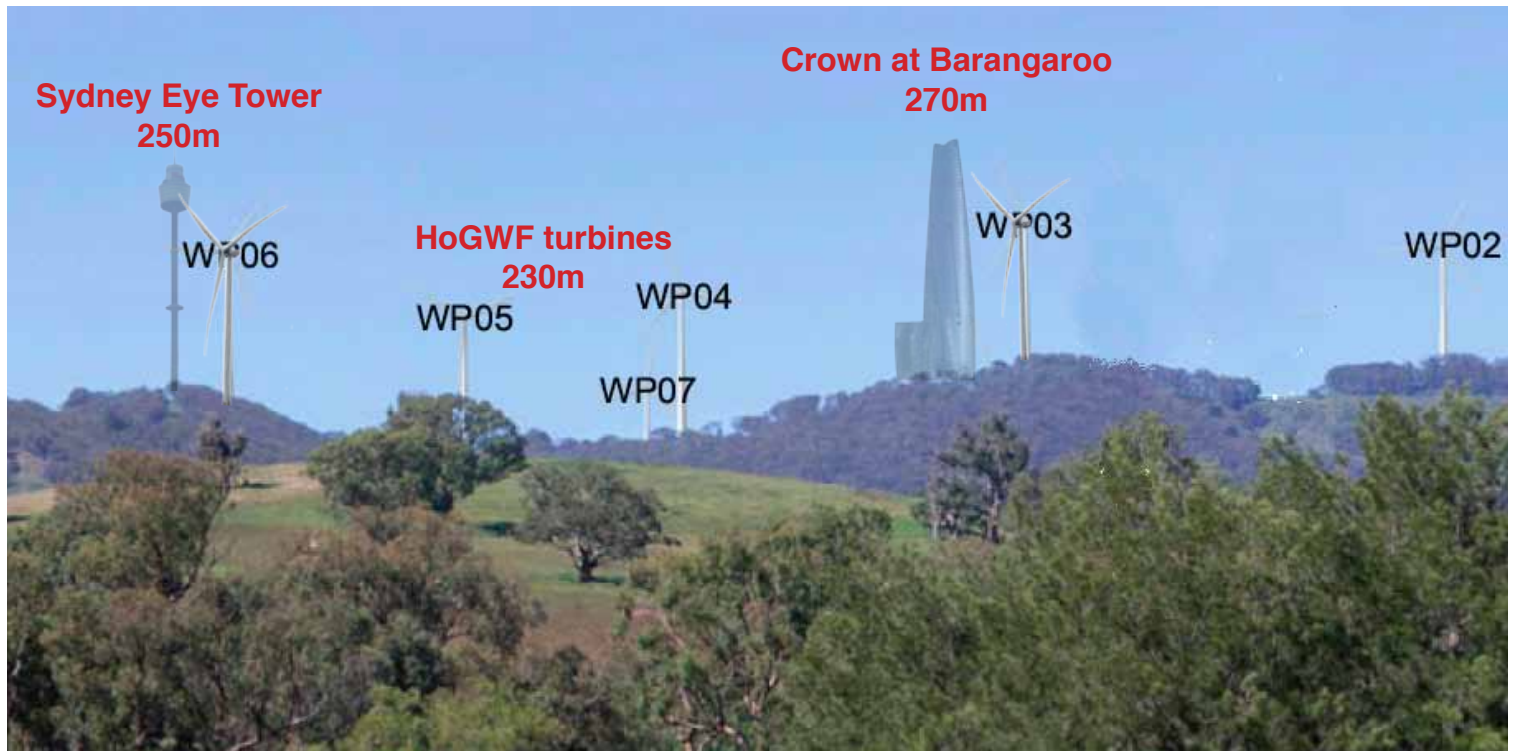
Above: still shot from the 03:05 video on the engie website promoting the HoGWF
Below: screen shot of the video at engie.com.au/home/assets/wind/hills-of-gold

Any ordinary person reading the visual reports prepared by Moir for the HoGWF EIS and Amended DA would have difficulty translating the photomontages into real life scenarios.

The glossy promotional video on the engie website gives a more realistic and frightening impression of the massive size of this project and its dominance of the landscape.



In reality the giant 230m high turbines will not appear as pale white structures merging into a light blue sky as shown in the Amended DA visual reports.



Compare the pair: cut-and-paste image from the Amended DA to show the Sydney Eye Tower and Crown Casino relative to the very lightly rendered white turbines against a light blue background.



Screenshot from the HoGWF promotion video at engie.com.au/home/assets/wind/hills-of-gold with collaged images of Sydney Eye Tower and Crown Casino at Barangaroo.