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APPLICATION NAME: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM PROJECT ID.  
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I WISH TO MAKE A FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED WIND FARM IN THE NUNDLE, HANGING ROCK & CRAWNY AREA. MY CONNECTION TO THIS AREA GOES WAY BACK TO MY GRANDFATHER IN 1913, WHEN HE ACQUIRED LAND ALONG THE RIVER ROAD, WHERE HE RAISED HIS FAMILY & IN TURN I WAS RAISED ON THIS PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY WAS ONLY CLEARED WHERE NECESSARY, LEAVING THE STEEP MOUNTAINS INTACT DUE TO POSSIBLE LANDSLIDES WHICH WOULD HAVE OCCURED, EVEN THOUGH LANDSLIDES WOULD OCCUR ON OCCASSIONS FOR NO APPARENT REASON. MY GRANDFATHER & FATHER WERE THE ORIGINAL ENVIROMENTALISTS, EVEN BEFORE THAT WORD BECAME FASHIONABLE. THIS PROPERTY STILL REMAINS WITHIN THE FAMILY. EVEN IN THE HANGING ROCK AREA, LAND OWNERS KNEW BETTER NOT TO DISTURB THE SOIL DUE TO EROSION OR OTHER ENVIROMENTAL DISASTERS THAT MAY OCCUR.

PEOPLE HAD RESPECT FOR THE ECO SYSTEM THEN & LIVED WITH THE ENVIROMENT, NATURE, FLORA & FAUNA.

I HAVE SEEN AERIAL PHOTOS OF THIS PROPOSED WIND FARM WHERE THOUSANDS OF TREES, BUSHES & NATIVE GRASSES HAVE BEEN BULL DOZED, TAKING AWAY NATURAL HABITATS FOR OUR UNIQUE WILD LIFE, ESPECIALLY OUR KOALA'S, WEDGE TAILED EAGLES, KITES, HAWKS, MAGPIES, KOOKABURRAS & NOT TO MENTION THE HUNDREDS OF LITTLE BIRDS.

TO ME, THIS IS ENVIROMENTAL VANDALISM ON A GRAND SCALE. WHETHER THIS CLEARING OF SUCH FOREST WAS LEGAL OR ILLEGAL SHOULD BE BOUGHT BEFORE THE ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD & THOSE



RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED BY THE LAW FOR THIS DESTRUCTION ALREADY CAUSED.

ACCORDING TO THE SOIL CAPABILITY MAP, THE SITE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE FARMED OR CLEARED, LET ALONE HAVE THIS AMOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION ON IT. CONCRETE BASES IS APPROX. 25 METRES BY 20 METERS, BUT BECAUSE THE HILLS ARE NOT FLAT, THEY NEED TO DIG FURTHER, WHICH UN-DOUBTABLE CAUSE MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE HILLS.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE TURBINES & BLADES ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED THROUGH OUR LITTLE VILLAGE OF NUNDLE, WHEREBY THE REMOVAL OF TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE MAY HAVE TO BE REMOVED, WHICH I MIGHT ADD WERE PAINSTAKING PLANTED SOME 40-50 YEARS AGO BY THE NUNDLE GARDEN CLUB. I ALSO NOTE THAT FOR 13 MONTHS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION WOULD EXPERIENCE SOME 240 DAILY LIGHT VEHICLES, WORK BUS & TRUCK MOVEMENTS (EIS P. 234), WHICH I FIND UNIMAGINABLE IN THIS VILLAGE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANOTHER ROAD THROUGH HEAVELY TIMBERED AREA MAY HAVE TO BE BUILT TO AVOID, WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE DEVIL'S ELBOW S BEND WITH A PRIVATE ROAD THROUGH CROWN RESERVES & HANGING ROCK RECREATION AREAS, IMPACTING NATIONAL ESTATE LISTED - BLACK SNAKE GOLD MINE TUNNEL ENTRANCES & NATIVE VEGETATION. EVEN THE FIRE TRAILS IN THIS AREA ARE SUBJECTED TO LAND SLIPS, ONCE THAT SOIL IS DISTURBED. PAGE 82 OF THE EIS - OBSTACLE LIGHTING MAY REQUIRE LIGHTING AT NIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASA REQUIREMENTS.

REF: PAGE 194/199 - WEDGE TAILED EAGLES KILL STRIKE, BETWEEN 1 & 6 COLLISIONS PER ANNUM WERE LIKELY. IF THIS IS THE CASE THERE WILL BE NO EAGLES LEFT IN UNDER 2-3 YEARS. IT IS ALSO LIKELY, THAT HUNDREDS OF BATS WILL ALSO BE KILLED ON THEIR NIGHTLY FLIGHTS TO FORAGE FOR FOOD.

NUNDUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN RENOWNED FOR ITS SERENITY, PEACE  
& QUITE, ITS NATURAL HABITAT & WONDERFUL CLEAR  
NIGHT SKY. THIS IS WHY PEOPLE FLOCK TO THE AREA  
FROM MANY PARTS OF <sup>THE</sup> NATION, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM  
THE CITIES, & THIS NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED FOR ALL &  
FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.

I HOPE COMMON SENSE PREVAILS, & THIS WIND FARM PROJECT  
IS STOPPED, BEFORE ANYMORE DAMAGE IS CAUSED TO THIS  
FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT. THE DEVELOPERS OBVIOUSLY HAVE VERY  
LITTLE REGARD TO THIS AREA, AS IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY  
TO THEM, MAYBE A SOLAR FARM IS MORE SUITED.

PLEASE "SAVE THE HILLS OF GOLD" & STOP THIS VADIANISM  
IN THIS AREA, AS I'M SURE THERE ARE MORE SUITABLE OPEN  
AREAS FOR THESE WIND FARMS TO EXIST.

THANK YOU



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