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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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

- I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application
- I hereby declare that I OBJECT to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID no. SSD 9679
- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years

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Signature

## **SUBMISSION for OBJECTION**

I would like to object to the proposal for a 70 wind turbine development to be built in Nundle Hanging Rock for the following reasons;

I do not agree with the imposing industrial visual look of wind turbines on the Hanging Rock ridge.

From my property I will be able to see the turbines which will hinder my view and the enjoyment of my property. I have not been approached to do any visual assessments on my property by Wind Energy Partners. I am very concerned that I will see the turbines from my property. The proposed shielding of the aviation lights as a mitigation measure will not help the situation for us, since our property is located at a high elevation (1100 meters). I will see the entire ridge blinking red.

I have lived in Nundle since 2006. The reason I moved from Newcastle is because of the peace and serenity the area has to offer. The wildlife and rolling hills is to be enjoyed by me for the rest of my days living here. I love the area also for its heritage value. Nundle Hills of Gold was named from its gold mining history. Industrialisation from a Windfarm is completely out of character of what this area is about. I am also very upset that the proponent intends to use the name "Hills of Gold" for this Windfarm project. It is disrespectful and unbecoming to use a name that has such high historic significance on a modern industrial project.

My husband and I are off the power grid. We installed a small wind turbine and solar system on our property 8 years ago. Upon using the wind turbine, we found that it was noisy, useless and of high maintenance. The wind turbine was taken down and now sits on our shed. We have resolved to rely on the solar system alone.

For the past two and half years since the announcement of the project proposal, I constantly wonder why my community have to suffer the consequence of such a large scale project for the benefit in powering homes not in our area. I am completely self sufficient in powering my own home. Other communities that want to use green power should make an initiative to do something about it in their own area or in their own homes. They should be considerate not to impose their beliefs to the detriment of people living in other communities.

As a community member of the area affected, I strongly object to this proposal and hope the government will listen to my concerns and consider rejecting this proposal to be built in Nundle / Hanging Rock area.