Submission on Hills of Gold Wind Farm - Application Number SSD-9679

I am very concerned about climate change and the need to reduce our carbon emissions and move to 100% renewables.

We have reached a point where there is an urgent need for projects such as this to be implemented. The recent NSW legislation regarding power being sourced from renewable energy means that this project fits very well in the move away from reliance on fossil fuels.

There are a number of advantages to this project.

1. Connection to the existing transmission line between Tamworth and Liddell means no new transmission or transmission upgrades are required meaning the project can come online earlier

2. The battery storage means the project can contribute to grid services and increase flexibility and security of supply to the grid

3. The project is located in a high wind area which means a reliable and constant source of energy

4. The local economy will be boosted with economic benefits primarily going to Tamworth Regional or Newcastle City LGA's which means better services for residents.

5. Farmers and neighbouring landholders will benefit through lease payments and voluntary agreements.

6. A community fund will be established that will provide much needed money for local projects.

Not only will the local residents and economy benefit, but a renewable energy supply will be available to 185,000 homes with a saving of 650,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

I most strongly support this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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