

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

This submission is made on behalf of the Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group. We are a community group of over 640 people concerned about climate change and wanting governments of all levels to take decisive and immediate action to reduce our carbon emissions by moving rapidly to renewable energy and phasing out of our reliance on fossil fuels.

The urgency for the need to dramatically reduce our carbon emissions means that projects such as this are vital if we are to effectively deal with climate change. With the recent NSW legislation regarding power being sourced from renewable energy, this project fits very well in the move away from reliance on fossil fuels.

There are a number of advantages to this project.

1. The project is located in a high wind area
2. 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
3. The battery storage means the project can contribute to grid services and increase flexibility and security of supply to the grid.
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.

There are not only benefits to residents in the area but in the uptake of reliable, clean renewable energy and reduction of carbon emissions.

We believe project such as these are vital and we strongly support this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group