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To: Director Energy Assessments

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**Submission by Rachel Webster (Upper Peel Landcare group Member) on behalf of Upper Peel Landcare Group, Nundle.**

To Whom it May Concern.

**Re: Development Title: Hills of Gold Wind Farm**

**Application Number SSD-9679**

**Please note: As a group, we object to the proposed development of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm. Both myself and the group have not made any reportable political donations in the past 2 years.**

Upper Peel Landcare would like to comment on the EIS with particular reference to the following: Upper Peel Landcare Group supports the conservation and preservation of natural habitat and biodiversity, as well as the broader concepts of regenerative agriculture and sustainability. Its members have a history of tree planting and environmental projects in the Nundle community and respect the legacy of past generations' work in street tree plantings, contributing to the beauty of Nundle and enjoyment of living here. Our strong community

group is currently developing a community garden. We do not support the proposed destruction of the local environment by trimming and removing trees on Nundle village streets and rural roads for transporting wind turbine components, a proposed new road on Crown Land to avoid Devil's Elbow, the disturbance and clearing of 512ha of the project area for project infrastructure and access tracks, and clearing for transmission line easements. The financial incentives, mitigation, rehabilitation, and offsets proposed, do not compensate for lost local biodiversity.

Sincerely,

Rachel Webster

Member, Upper Peel Landcare Group

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