



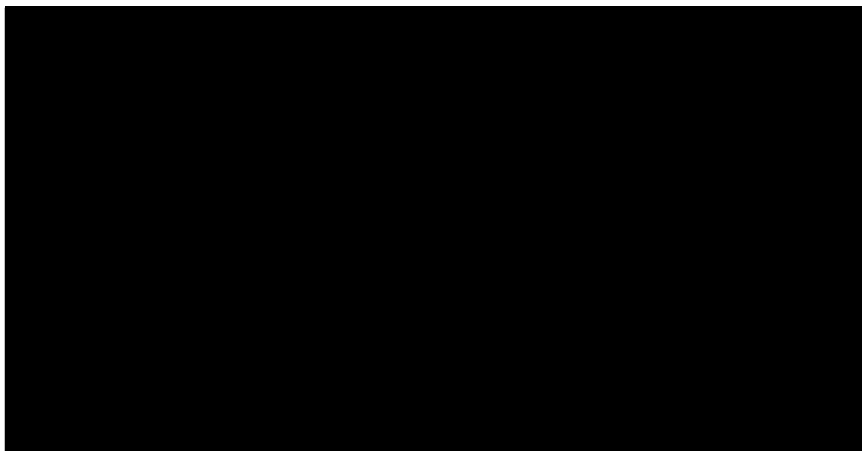
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERNR

**RE: HILLS OF GOLD WINDFARM 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 project ID no. SSD 9672
- I would like my personal details withheld.
- I have not made reportable political donations in the previous 2 years.



## OBJECTION TO WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT IN THE HILLS OF GOLD

When I retired, I travelled through Qld and NSW looking for a suitable place away from cities I had lived in all my life. After some time, I found the Nundle area. It seemed ideal, quiet but had a small general store, 2 churches, primary school, swimming pool, a public house with a good dining area, nurse practitioner and, if required, a bus once a week to Tamworth if I could no longer drive. There is access in Tamworth to both Sydney and Brisbane via coach, train or aircraft so I could easily visit family and friends or they visit me. I also found a new husband to complete my happiness.

Almost a third of the population are between 60 and 85 years of age many of whom have moved here to enjoy a peaceful retirement. Access to the village central shopping, Health Services and Pre-school would be unavailable to pedestrians when the large components required to build the wind farm were being transported through the village.

The Hanging Rock Road, Hanging Rock village, the Sheba Dams areas are very popular with tourists wanting to get away from crowds. This Recreational Reserve is attracting families and couples in all age groups. All necessary facilities are available in an unspoilt rural setting. Access to this area from Nundle would be adversely affected during the time a wind farm was being built.

Many of the regular visitors are also mature. They like the peacefulness and being able to walk from the Caravan Park to shops, Post Office or the Public House for a meal. There is also an off-road walkway through parkland which is popular with visitors.

Nundle sees an increase in younger visitors during the school holiday. The Caravan Park is very popular and there is an excellent playground suitable for younger children opposite. Motel, Hotel & Bedsit Accommodation is all available close to the centre of the village and is booked throughout the year.

The history of Nundle area, as distinct from the formation of the village, goes back hundreds of years to the original Kamilaroi People. Decedents of these still live here and are proud of their heritage. The changes that will occur due to the wind farms will not be appreciated.

Tourism is the major source of income for Nundle and would be seriously adversely impacted during the building of the wind farms. The very large components which make up each tower would need to be moved through the village centre and then up Barry Road to Hanging Rock. The period of 2 years required to complete the 70 Wind towers would see daily major disruptions. Most of the local roads, including those in the centre of the village, would be seriously affected. Closures would be inevitable which would inconvenience villagers and visitors alike. Our tourists would soon decide to go elsewhere!

The Wind farm development will bring road congestion, closures and associated safety issues in the centre of the village. The main intersection and some other roads will need to be closed while some of the larger components are moved through. Deliveries to local businesses including farmers and pastoralists could be adversely affected.

I worked for Thiess Contractors at their Head Office in Brisbane for 15 years. One part of my work was to assist with the prepare submissions for large projects. I also wrote accounts of the completed major projects to be used for publicity. Never once had it been necessary to close roads or to move sections of large construction components through a populated area.

The project would require significant disruption to the village residents and visitors for 2 years yet would not give any major benefit to Nundle when completed.