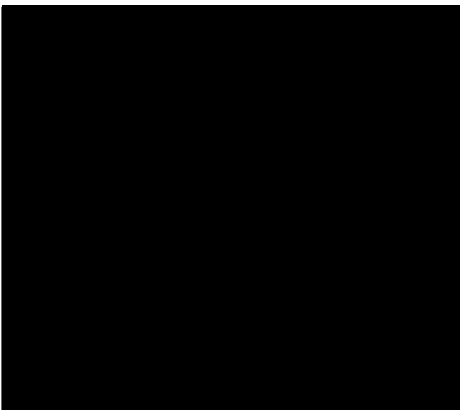


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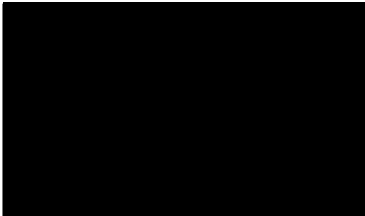
Reason for Objection – Threat to Endangered Species – including Koalas

The project site is pristine native vegetation with many threatened or endangered flora and fauna.

Despite eight years of illegal clearing in preparation for the wind farm there is still much suitable untouched woodlands to help these flora and fauna survive.

This project should be sited in areas already cleared for industry and agriculture, such as wind farms at Inverell, Blaney and Lake George.

This application should be rejected because the site is unsuitable and places unnecessary risk to the biodiversity of the area.

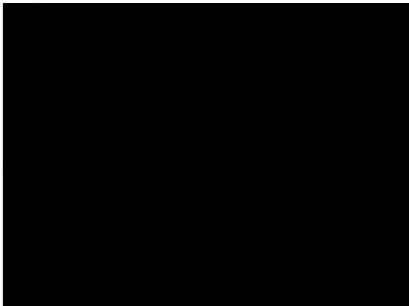


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Reason for Objection – Lack of Consultation

I live in Timor and will be in direct view of parts of the Wind Farm proposal.

I have not been consulted and did not know I would be affected until about six weeks ago when contacted by a neighbour.

In this time I have tried to find out as much as possible how it will affect me, even to the extent of a meeting with one of the staff of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm. During this time he answered all of my questions, but I have since found out that some of his answers were not correct or truthful.

The time available for further investigation by me is not enough and I feel the Exhibition time should be extended.



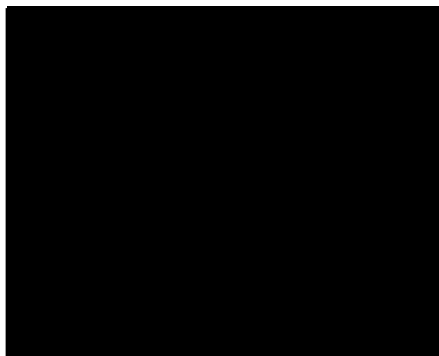
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Reason for Objection – Groundwater Pumping.

Section 3.2.1 states that the project may be pumping up to 1.2 million litres per month from groundwater.

We are situated in Timor and during the recent five-year drought two of our three groundwater springs ceased flowing and the third one was dangerously low when relief rain came in December 2019.

If the Wind Farm project was to draw ground water upstream from our property, I fear it will significantly affect our property.

We draw water from this spring as our normal farm practice and do not have the infrastructure to draw water from nearby rivers if they are flowing.

Many other properties in this vicinity also rely on their ground water springs.

There is no mention in the EIS of any ground water studies being carried out.

This project should not proceed without suitable independent studies of ground water in the area.