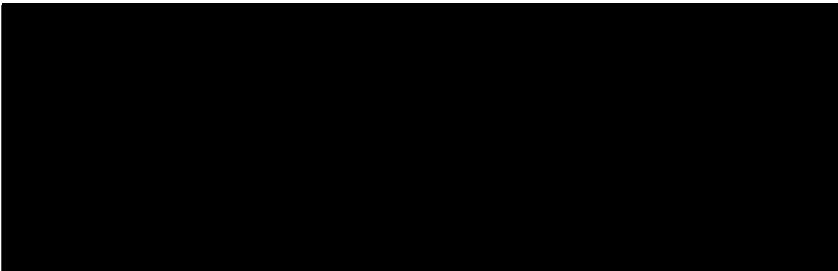


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Date: 26/1/2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM 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 proposal ID no. SSD 9679
  - I would like my personal details withheld
  - I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years
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## SUBMISSION FOR OBJECTION

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SUBMISSION FROM [REDACTED] NUNDLE

HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO SSD 9679

OBJECTION TO THE HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM

- I own two residential properties in the Nundle Village. [REDACTED]
- I have lived in Nundle for 22 years and am currently employed full time.
- I have graduate qualifications in Arts and Cultural Planning.

### Reasons for objection

#### 1. Transport of turbine blades and tower sections through Nundle.

- *Happy Valley Jenkins Street route* – this route will result in removal of trees and median strip which are part of the character of the town. It will become very hot and bare without the trees in summer. It will also be very unattractive. The impairment to the CBD will make the village less desirable as a tourist destination. This will affect the family retail business, which has been operating continuously since 1986, and which relies heavily on tourism.

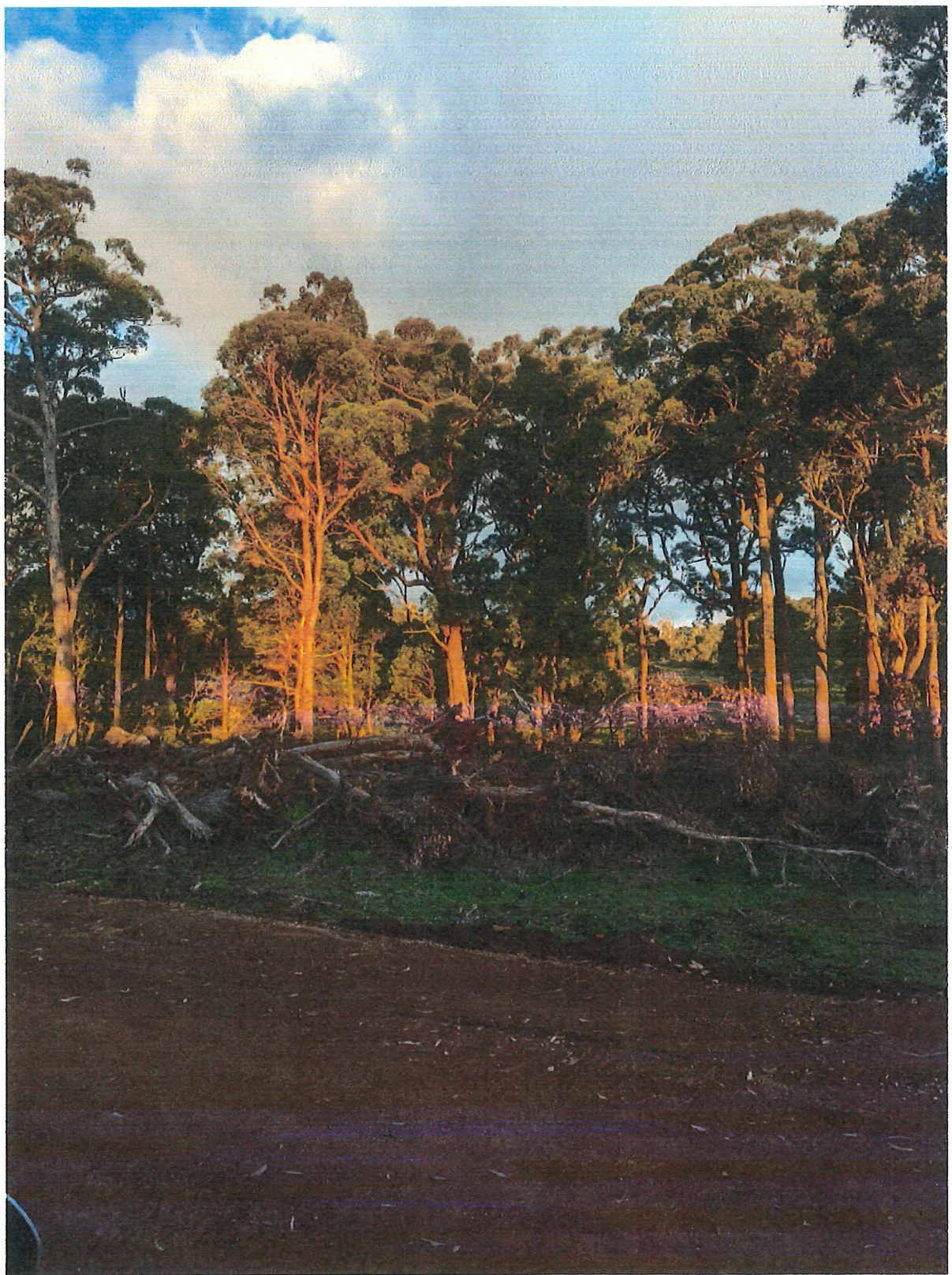
Changed parking arrangements will also affect the business adversely.

- *Innes Street / Gill Street route* will impact my residence. I will not be able to exit or enter South Lynne Close during the time the vehicles are negotiating the Gill St / Point St corner.

#### 2. Damage to Natural Environment

- Nature reserve endangered fauna and flora will be impacted. Clearing has already been taking place despite the wind farm not yet having been approved.
- A large grove of Native Pepperberry trees on the Morrison's Gap Road has been destroyed by clearing in the past 12 months. The clearing is to widen the road and entrance into a property on the ridge. The Pepperberry trees are no longer there. Photos below:



















### **3. Impact on lifestyle and social impact**

- A number of the local business community and other community minded residents are threatening to leave the village if the Wind Farm goes ahead. This will leave the town without many of the people who contribute heavily to community life and thriving economy and employment.
- People who have moved to Nundle in the last 30 years have been attracted to the village because of its natural beauty and the opportunity to have a “slow living” mindful lifestyle. The wind farm development is incongruous with this.
- The wind turbines are unsightly and will industrialise the landscape. Currently Nundle has a very scenic skyline and this should be preserved and celebrated.