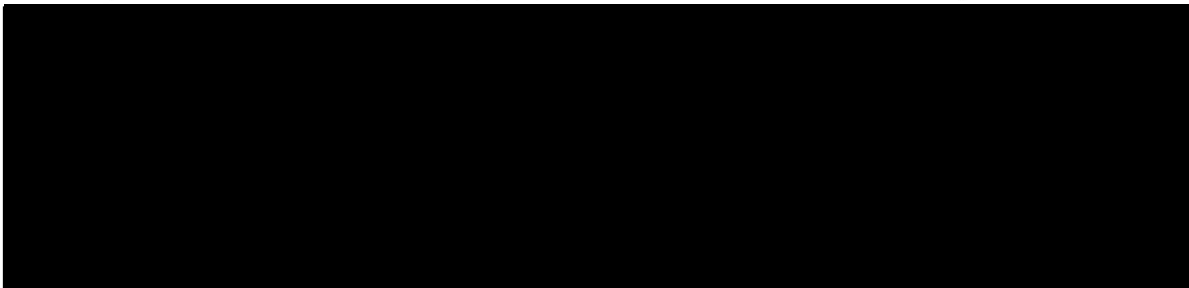


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RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO. SSD 9679

- I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application
- I hereby declare that I object to the Hills of Gold Windfarm 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



OBJECTION

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I came to Nundle to this nice quiet town and now this wind farm will hunt me out because of the turbine noise and my visibility to these monstrosities with flashing lights. My outlook will be affected by 70 x 230 metre high wind towers with thumping noise and flashing lights. This proposal has thrown my plans out completely. I will have to sell out at my age and I just cannot start again.

If Council could have housing developments refused because of Koala Habitats. How does this same reason not apply to the wind farm on a state level?

Local Nundle farmers have been fined for small land clearing when large areas of the range has been allowed to be extensively cleared along the ridge between Hanging Rock and Crawney where the turbines will be located. This clearing is very visible from my home. There has been no word of fines from the Government for this action. Will the State Government look into this issue and do something about it?

Road works adjacent to Morrisons Gap and McDivitts Creek being done with no concern for trees, native animals and Koala habitats. Biodiversity, environment, endangered species have not been considered and no adherence to the State planning policies on Koala habitat protection when this work was carried out. I mention this because the development application for the Hills of Gold Windfarm proposal for this work eg. Roads and infrastructure, transmission lines, grid connection, battery storage etc. will have even more impact.

Water is a big concern now and in the future. This development will require huge amounts of concrete footings for the wind towers and building the access roads.

Proposed road near Black Snake Gold Mine should surely remind us of the attitude of the proponents in WA when the Aboriginal caves were destroyed. Oakenville Creek is in the same category. Landslides are common and this road will only make matters worse.

Visual appearance against the beautiful vista that has been a tourist attraction will be destroyed with the wind farm.

The wind turbines will have maximum impact on the town and residents with the visual eye line of the ridge and to the valley below town due to the high elevation on which the turbine will sit.

Wind farms will not save Tomago Aluminium Shelter. Alcan Kurri Kurri already closed because of electricity supply. This wind farm power will not give sufficient base load.

When Liddell goes, electricity supply will need thousands of wind turbines to replace coal fired power stations, that number will destroy the environment with visual impairment to community and noise pollution. This has become absurd.

Aircrafts use this airspace continuously and 230m big wind towers on the range will surely be a safety concern. Limitations for aerial baiting and spraying will be an issue for farmers

This range is a fire hazard region. Lightning is a curse and now the wind towers will attract the lightning here.

Property values will decrease dramatically due to wind farms. Biodiversity, environment, endangered species, water catchment all lost with this development and being on a farm where biosecurity is a big decision makes these things matter.

History and heritage has been forgotten. Oakenville Creek has extensive historic significance as this was the main area of gold diggings with 4,000 Chinese diggers that lived here and walked from Nundle through the creek to the 2 mile everyday. History seems of no concern to the proponent. The Black Snake Gold Mine, Oakenville Creek are tourist attraction especially for fossickers, amateur gold panners and young families. Heritage attractions of the Nundle and Hanging Rock will be severely affected if this development is approved.

Tourism will be affected long term by lack of native animals which I personally think is part of the beauty and appeal of the ranges and the valley of Nundle. How many places like Nundle and Hanging Rock will be left if we keep industrialising our landscapes?