



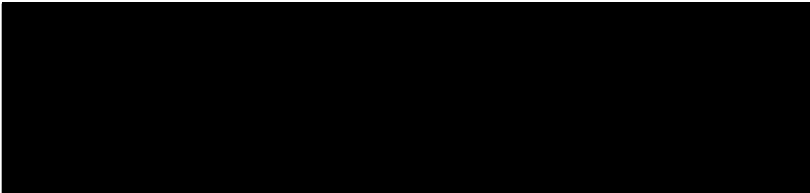
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**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



SUBMISSION FOR OBJECTION.

I hereby declare that I object to the "Hills of Gold Windfarm" proposal ID No. SSD9679.

SUBJECT; NUNDLE NSW.

Reasons for Objection;

97 Wind Turbines x 220m high x 20 kms going from Nundle to Crawney!!!!

Plus Battery Energy Storage Systems, Transmission Line and Communications Connection and associated infrastructure, eg Access tracks, road upgrades, under and above ground electricity cable substation and grid communication. In the Muller report a stated \$826,400,000 excl GST plus other costs not included.

This beautiful village and surrounds will no longer be "Nundle – Hills of Gold" but a ridge of white wind turbines that will have a visual impact and a noise level for 20 kms.

Nundle attracts a variety of tourists. They come for the historic buildings, fishers use the dams and rivers, artists come to capture the beauty, music lovers use Nundle as a base for Tamworth and to attend music events within the town. They enjoy the ambience; the people, the beauty of the countryside the peace and tranquility. Tourists come to support town events eg. Go for Gold Festival, Nundle Dog Race, Picnic in the Park, Evenings at the Dag, the Art Prize, plus grandchildren's events at the lovey school. They enjoy visiting the Woollen Mill, the Old Gold Mine the shops along the streets the CWA goodies of a weekend. They enjoy the walks, the pool, the blackberrying and gold panning.

You mention Open Days at the site, I'm not sure that wind turbines attract that many tourists.

I believe that there is another site just as suitable and would not have such a visual impact on the community nor to destroy the environment as putting them on this ridgeline. The turbines will be noticeable right across to the New England Highway, not just 3kms as stated but right around the area. Will they require aviation lights? Will the people living in the shadow of the turbines be affected by night light flicker and aviation light flicker and turbine flicker? How many birds will fly into these propellers? How many native animals will be driven out by the constant noise of the propellers?

The project has divided this village. Friends against friends, families against families even the children in the town are affected by this. Those who want the disruption think there will be local employment and advantage to town against those who can see the problems that will ensue. They are expecting cheaper power costs and the "Community Enhancement Fund" is enticing. And of course the people who are renting their land out for this because they can see added income.

The roads to be navigated by the articulated trucks are narrow and some dirt, some in need of attention and many have tight bends. The road through town could be a problem with school children and bus routes using the road every day let alone farmers moving around town in the course of their day moving trucks and farm vehicles.

You state there is a 40 m buffer around the waterways. This site is a steep and sensitive area. 40m in a downpour will still allow pollution of the rivers. Pollute the rivers and the fish die. Fill the rivers with dirt from the site and the rivers become shallow ponds. Stop the flow of the rivers and they won't flow into Chaffey Dam.

The environment needs to be thoroughly researched. Has consideration been given to the native and virgin bushland, the native birds and animals? Have endangered species of fauna and flora been considered, the micro climate and indigenous cultural areas? How much vegetation will be removed during this exercise and how much precious water will be used during construction and where will this water come from?

You state that there will be 200 + initial workers and their presence will benefit the town but this amount of workers will need to be accommodated elsewhere. Nundle cannot supply accommodation for this number of people. The tourist accommodation will be lost and the tourists, the income for Nundle, will be lost. The workers will go to Tamworth and benefit Tamworth while Nundle has the disruption.

I have read these turbines have a technology life of 5-10 years and a working life of 25 years. What happens in 25 years time. Are they removed? Are they abandoned and left as a curiosity? What is this Blade Throw? – a worry.

The building of this windfarm has had a detrimental effect on the people of Nundle. A lot are suffering from mental stress. The beauty of the area and the financial effect of not having tourists come will be dramatic. Many generations of families have lived here and others have chosen to live here. They do not want their lifestyle to change.

I am not a resident of Nundle but I holiday there often through the year at the lovely caravan park and bring friends with me to appreciate the tranquility and beauty of this town. I selfishly do not want to see these ugly turbines rising on the ridgeline.