



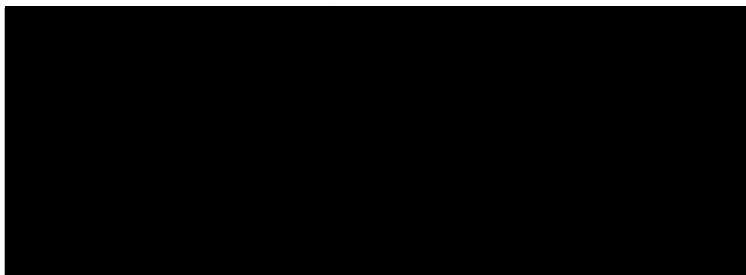
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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



OBJECTION

AS A DOUBTER OF "WIND POWER" AS A "GREEN" AND "RELIABLE" SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY I AM WRITING TO LODGE MY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED HILLS OF GOLD WINDFARM. THE HILLS OF GOLD SHOULD STAY UNTOUCHED.

AS A 4TH GENERATION FAMILY IN THE NUNDLE AREA (DISTRICT), IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE PROPOSED WINDFARM WILL SCAR OUR ONCE PRISTINE MOUNTAINS THAT HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVELY CLEARED IN AREAS THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN TOUCHED. IT IS SOME OF THE MOST "VULNERABLE" COUNTRY IN THE NUNDLE DISTRICT

THE PROPOSED SITE IS THE CATCHMENT OF 3 "MAJOR" RIVER SYSTEMS. THE MANNING, THE HUNTER AND MOST IMPORTANT TO ME, THE PEEL RIVER. I BELIEVE THAT ANY DISTURBANCE THIS AREA, HANGING ROCK TO CRAWNEY WILL HEAVILY IMPACT WATER RETENTION FOR OUR TRIBUTARIES. THE RECENT DROUGHT HIGHLIGHTED JUST HOW FRAGILE AND IMPORTANT OUR WATER RESOURCES ARE.

THE MOVEMENT OF HEAVY MACHINERY AND OVERSIZED LOADS ARE ALSO A MAJOR CONCERN. NOT ONLY THE INCONVENIENCE TO LOCAL TRAFFIC BUT THE COMPACTION OF THE VULNERABLE SOIL WILL HINDER REGROWTH AND CAUSE WATER TO RUN OFF AT A MUCH FASTER RATE CAUSING EROSION AND DESTRUCTION TO THE CATCHMENT AND WATERWAYS.

THE SITE WILL ALSO HAVE A GREAT DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON NATIVE FAUNA AND FLORA. THE DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL HABITAT WILL DISPLACE KOALAS, QUOLLS AND TREE DWELLING POSSUMS THAT LIVE IN THE AREA. NATIVE FLORA WILL BE THREATENED ~~BY~~ ^{BY} WOODS CARRIED IN ON FOREIGN MACHINERY AND ALSO BY MACHINERY MOVEMENT

THIS PROPOSED SITE IS PART OF A MOST FRAGILE ECO-SYSTEM AND ANY INTERFERENCE WILL CAUSE A MAJOR UPSET TO THE BALANCE THAT WILL BE LOST FOREVER.

I MENTIONED IN OPENING MY DOUBT AS TO RELIABILITY OF WIND POWER AS TO THE INABILITY TO STORE THE POWER PRODUCED. ALSO THE TURBINES NEVER PRODUCE ENOUGH POWER ~~TO~~ IN THEIR SHORT LIFE SPAN TO OFFSET THE CARBON THAT IT TAKES TO PRODUCE AND SET UP A TURBINE. THERE ARE ALSO MYTHS BEING TOLD THAT THESE TURBINES WILL PROVIDE CHEAPER POWER TO LOCALS. THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AS THE ELECTRICITY WILL BE FED INTO THE MAIN GRID VIA A "PROPOSED" LINE THAT IS YET TO BE ERECTED AND NOT TO PEOPLES HOMES.

IN FINISHING, I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE SUITABLE SITES FOR A WINDFARM. "THE MOONBIS" NOME TOWN WORTH FOR ONE AS THE MAIN POWER GRID RUNS DIRECTLY OVER IT AND WOULD SAVE A MAJOR COST OF LINE CONSTRUCTION. AND THE ACCESSABILITY TO THE SITE.

IT IS MY OPINION THAT WIND POWER IS A SHORT TERM AND VERY UNRELIABLE OPTION AS AN ALTERNATE POWER SUPPLY.