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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

My property [REDACTED] was bought in 1993 by my husband for our kids, grandchildren and great grand children so in future years it would be a 'safe haven' for them to enjoy a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere where we can all play together.

If there is to be a doubling of traffic on Jenkins-Crawney Rd then it may no longer be peaceful, there will be an increase in noise, car fumes and the risk of accident.

Do we really want to be looking at obstacle lighting flashing at us as we sit round our fire pit? No! Do we want the noise of the whirring blades constantly growing at our minds as we are telling the grand kids stories, barely being able to concentrate on the flames licking the logs on our fire? No!

- Will there be jobs for my son with the introduction of these wind farms that don't require a degree or 10 years experience?
- Will those in our community with poor hearing, tinnitus etc be able to cope with the 'white' noise associated with the wind created by the turbines or will they need to move away?

No longer will I be able to go through the bush at Hanging Rock and point out many of the threatened species of flora and fauna

Australia is slowly losing so much of what made us who we are, this includes the pristine, unchanged areas of Hanging Rock, we need to help keep the bats, Koalas, Quolls, gliders, myotis + more alive and thriving.

I am hoping the Aboriginal elders have been consulted on all aspects of this wind farm proposal, they are the custodians of this land, we need to listen to what they have to say so we can have harmony and diversity in our lands. We can't know

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For sure if we are disturbing valuable cultural areas by widening the roads, digging down deep and inserting large metal poles into the earth. How can we know for sure if we are disturbing the spiritual home of elders past and present?

Hanging Rock is steeped in history dating back to the gold rush days and way before that too. The reason Hanging Rock and Nundle are such a great tourist destination is because we offer something that is so different and so unique. We offer uninterrupted views, and bushlands that have not been altered by man-made devices, except for a few roads, but many of these are still rough dirt roads.

If you go right into the heart of the bush at Hanging Rock maybe just at the back of Sheba Dam, sit there either by yourself or with a friend, partner or parent and really take it what it is that's there, the trees, grasses, water races, fallen logs, snakes, spiders, leeches, clouds, breeze thru the trees, snow in winter and sunshine in summer. There are no built up areas, no high rise town houses, no McDonalds and no traffic lights!

Why introduce wind farms to an area like this? don't take more of Australia's identity away from us. We all moved here so we could have our shops, schools, pubs, preschools and general stores nearby, but we also moved here for the bush, isolation and spectacular views that city dwellers are jealous of.

How long will the covid 19 pandemic last for? No one knows, it could last years or weeks. But by introducing a wind farm to the Nundle area we could be exposing ourselves to a greater risk of germs and diseases that inevitably arrive with a population explosion. This is why we want to keep our community ~~isolated~~ isolated and free of large metal poles with huge turbines and flashing lights

I think alternative energy sources could be a great thing for the future, just not in my backyard. Keep them in areas that are not going to cause the locals to be feuding with each other, placing for and against signs up everywhere and having an impact on friendships.