

REASON FOR OBJECTION

I have lived in Nundle for 17 years. The reason I live here is the beautiful landscape and Birdlife, my mornings are started with coffee and watching the birds and admiring our beautiful hills of green trees. There is no better way to start the day. In the evenings its watching the sun go down and enjoying the peace and quiet of this beautiful little town

I object to the proposal for a large-scale wind farm to be built in Nundle and Hanging Rock.

My concerns are for the loss of vegetation due to the erection of the 70 x 230m tall wind-mills proposed to be located on the ridge that surrounds our village. A large amount of trees and wildlife will be cleared in that area that I think it should be preserved. I am also concerned for the rare birds, wildlife and particularly to the Koala habitat that live on that ridge. I have read on the EIS document that there is intention to mitigate the wildlife. Is there any guarantees that they will survive? Let us not forget that we have recently had a bushfire in our area and more disturbances to these habitats would be destructive to the environment and to those animals living there.

These turbines are also visually unfitting for our town which has attracted tourist to the area from the beautiful landscape that surrounds our village.

I have read on the EIS that there will be many heavy vehicles and truck movements travelling through the middle of our town during the construction period. I am concerned for the removal of parking areas and increased difficulty of access for the aged on Oakenville Street. Our local post office is located on this street. It is an essential service for the community. Heavy traffic along this road is both dangerous and disruptive. This is particularly dangerous for the elderly of Nundle and Hanging Rock. We are already seeing many log trucks along this road, more trucks and traffic will be deemed extremely unsafe.

Our existing road structure in town does not currently allow for large trucks. To widen the roads will mean removal of the medium strip and the trees that were planted there by locals. These trees have added to the beauty of the main street in our town centre. I live in an attractive tourist town that have previously won the Tidy Town award. I do not want to see the removal of these existing structures. It is what makes our town special.

In addition, these heavy truck movements will create noise and more traffic on Oakenville Street. This is a disturbance we do not welcome in Nundle.