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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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

- My submission to the above mentioned development application is below.
- 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 two years.

I think a better site can be found for a wind farm that doesn't impact the Wedge Tail Eagles and Koalas which live in the area. There is no point in building renewable energy sources and destroying the environment in the process. Too much of our wildlife was lost in the 2019/2020 horrific bushfires and we have to limit the destruction of habitat for all native birds and fauna going forward. It is just not good enough to have renewable energy trump the environment - it defeats the purpose. Both are worthy contenders but Australia is a huge country and I am sure there are many sites suitable for renewable energy that don't compromise the environment to the degree the Hills of Gold Wind Farm does. Financially, the cost may be greater in the short term, but the environment cannot ever be reclaimed.

I live close to the largest wind farm in NSW (Capital Wind Farm) and it is built on bare hillsides with minimal impact to native birds and fauna. The largest group of animals in the area is grazing stock (sheep and cattle) and as far as I can ascertain, they are not affected by the wind turbines. Surely an area with a much lower environmental impact can be found to build the Hills of Gold Wind Farm.

Thank you for considering my objection to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm.

Yours sincerely

