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24 Old Coach Road

Limeburners Creek 2324

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Re: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to **OBJECT** to the proposal.

I first went to the Nundle and Hanging Rock area in 1955 with my father. I was ten years old. We camped near the head of Nundle Creek. For me that was the beginning of a connection to the place that has grown deeper over the years.

My father went to stay on a property which adjoins the site of the proposed wind farm every year until he became too ill to go there in his old age. I accompanied him when I could and eventually took my own son away with me so that he could enjoy the beautiful scenery and learn about the history of the area. My wife, son, daughter, close friends and their children often visited Nundle and Hanging Rock with me.

We have spent a lot of time driving on the 4WD trails that lead to the old mine sites surrounding Hanging Rock and to the lookouts that reveal the vast landscapes and mountain ranges that mean so much to all of us. The native animals and vegetation are also part of the enjoyment that we experienced on those visits, as well as the experience of fossicking

for gold in the creeks. Many visitors to the area come for the same reasons as my family and friends. They also bushwalk in the forests.

The wind farm will deter many visitors to the area, not encourage eco – Tourism as suggested by the proponents.

I believe that the sight of wind turbines along these ranges will destroy the visual landscape and the destruction of habitat for the animals is unconscionable.

Because I have a long history with the area I am very worried that the wind farm EIS has not addressed the fact that the removal of trees along the ridgelines has caused quite large landslides in the past.

This is a high rainfall area. What happens to the waterways that originate on the site as outlined in the EIS. Won't they be compromised? Large areas of land will be denuded of vegetation and this could result in siltation of the sources of several important waterways.

This proposal has already caused a huge problem. There has been much division and anger generated in the community. The vast majority of residents oppose the wind farm because Nundle and Hanging Rock are historic places with outstanding natural beauty that will be changed negatively if this proposal goes ahead.

The traffic generated by the establishment of the windfarm is an unacceptable imposition on a small community.

The decommissioning of the windfarm, if approved, will be a huge expense and will never restore the site to what it was. Barry Road, a single road into and out of the site would, once more, bear the brunt of a huge number of trucks etc.

I have not given any political donations in the past two years.

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