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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 have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years



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Signature

## **SUBMISSION for OBJECTION**

Nundle is a very special place. I was first drawn to the place 40 years ago when I would travel back and forth for some ferreting work. I have owned and built a holiday home on South Lynne Close in Nundle and then also in Duncans Creek before moving here permanently on Happy Valley Road in 2006.

Nundle is a place like no other, it is a step back in time. The project will lie on top of an area rich in nature that is unspoilt and full of wildlife. There is an extensive koala habitat that exist in the area. The 2019/2020 bushfires has already impacted heavily on the wildlife corridor and in particular to the Koalas in our area. While the existing wildlife is now trying to rebuild their habitat, a large scale development of this size will impact heavily on our wildlife. I do not believe the mitigation offset will be beneficial to these animals and will only increase their risk of becoming more endangered in the future. Among the koalas, I have seen many other endanger species of wildlife on my property including the rare finches, wedge tail eagles and black cockatoos. I have grave concerns whether the mitigation strategy proposed by the developers will actually protect these rare species of animals but rather hinder their existence. The Nundle Hanging Rock area should never be disturbed especially not by a large scale renewable Windfarm project.

I also have concern for the transport route proposed for the project. There is a plan to cut another road pass the "Devils Elbow". This will require removal of trees, native vegetation and also impact on the Black Snake Gold Mine which is a heritage item listed with our local LEP. More clearing and more destruction to wildlife habitat. High traffic flow and truck movements will impact on our daily travel to and from our nearest major towns. My wife has been struggling with her health and we have appointments in Tamworth on a regular basis; sometimes even up to three or four times a week. Not to mention the extra transport movements during construction will impact on ambulance access. I am also extremely concerned for travel and access in the event of bushfires. The proposal does not recognise how bushfire prone our area is and the high level of danger for my family and for our local community members in the event of natural disaster.

My enjoyment on my property surrounded by nature and wildlife should not be impacted from a large scale renewable project. I live completely off the grid and am self sufficient in powering my own home with a solar system installed on my property. I am doing my part for our environment and do not consent to a large scale Windfarm being built in this area and destroying the precious nature surrounding Nundle / Hanging Rock.