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RE Hills of Gold Wind Farm Application No SSD9679

- I am attaching my submission to the abovementioned development application
- I declare that I support the Hills of Gold Wind Farm Proposal ID SSD9679
- I would like my personal details included in the submission
- I have not made any responsible or reportable political donation in the previous two years.

Signed



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Business Submission in support of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm Application No SSD9679

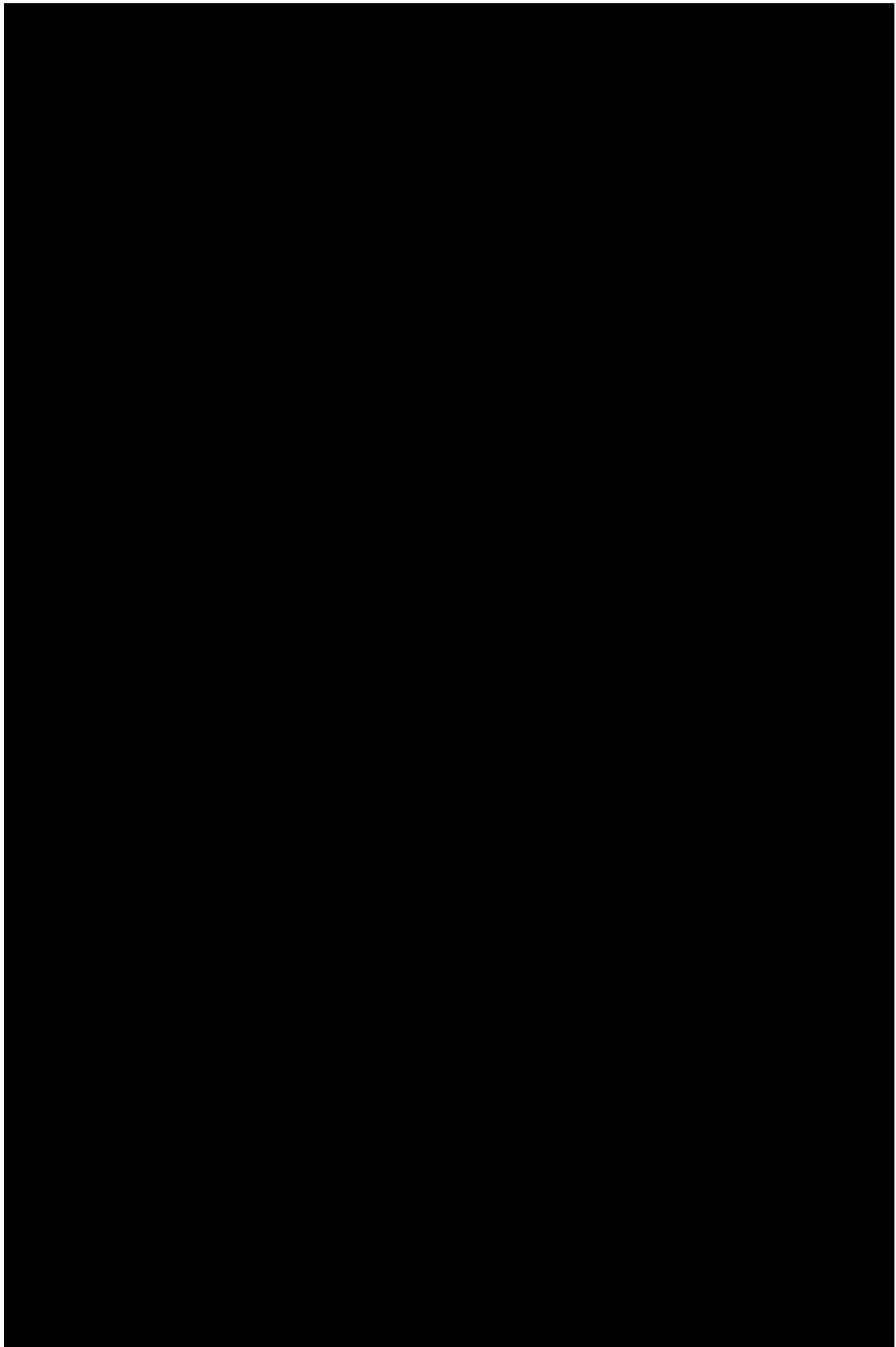
As former and longest serving President of the Nundle Business, Tourism and Marketing Group Inc. (NBTMG Inc. or the Group) and founding member, the current leadership has used the Group as a forum to oppose the Hills of Gold Windfarm proposal and they base their position on a meeting attended by members in 2018. A vote, taken at this meeting, showed a majority opposed the Project with a few undecided and one for the project. Members present at this meeting were not a representative sample of the entire membership. The Group took a view that they would oppose the Hills of Gold Wind Farm SSD No. 9679 (The Project) and, despite more information being made available, there has never been a full member poll on whether members are for or against. Since this stance was taken, several members have withdrawn membership or reduced funding of the group and several prospective new business entrants into Nundle or Hanging Rock have decided not to join the Group.

I have prepared a document showing business entities listed on the www.nundle.com.au website and some businesses not listed on the website. I have excluded agricultural holdings / business entities. I have tabulated the views of these entities. Please see Table 1.

It is clearly evident that the majority of businesses in Nundle and Hanging Rock support The Project by 23 IN SUPPORT vs 9 AGAINST.

I would like to add that business owners have told me that they are afraid to overtly show support of The Project because they do not want to be bullied or boycotted if they do so by the very active and vocal opponents to The Project.

Many businesses in the Nundle / Hanging Rock area are struggling to make ends meet and some, including new start-ups, have closed. Membership of the Group has stalled or is diminishing due to the Group's political nature or stance. The Hills of Gold Wind Farm presents an opportunity for existing businesses to prosper and for new businesses to be established.



I am of the view that world class tourism opportunities will emerge from the wind farm project, one such being a professionally designed mountain bike course. The area is spectacular and the views from the ridge-line are breathtaking. With a joint venture between neighbors a mountain buke track would provide additional tourism and income opportunities for the region.

As the owner of Arc-en-Ciel Rainbow Trout and The Drunken Trout Café, my wife and I have invested in our business infrastructure by building a multi-purpose café and event space with the view to improving our income stream and to capitalize on increased tourism numbers we believe will come with the construction of The Project.

Sincerely



Russell Sydenham

Trustee / Director

Jabulisa Pty. Ltd, ATF Sydenham Family Trust T/A Arc-en-Ciel Rainbow Trout