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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

**OBJECTION**

I am objecting to the proposal for a 70 wind turbine development to be built in the area of Hanging Rock near Nundle for the following reasons;

## Consultation or lack of

I first heard about the proposal from Jim Robinson, the main host of the wind farm project, who informed me that he is putting a wind farm in. He has stated that my property would not be affected by the wind farm as it will be build somewhere towards Crawney area.

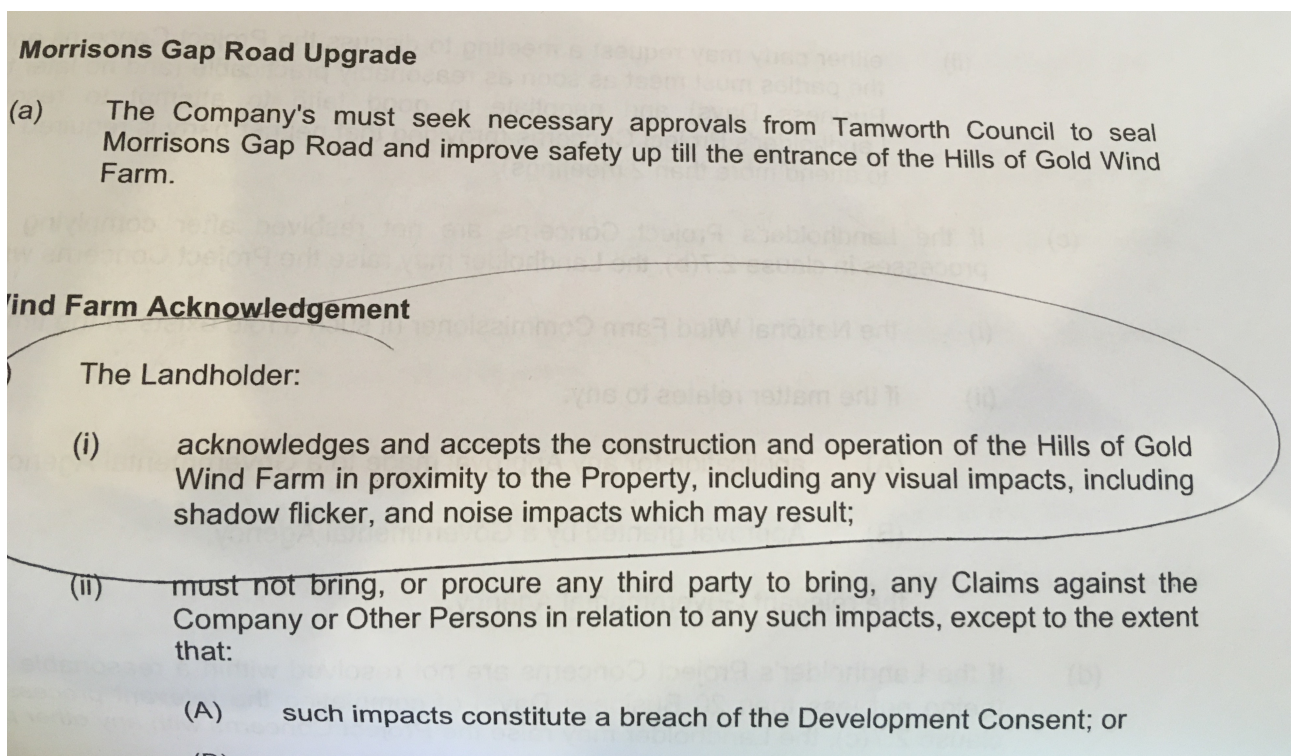
On 23/01/18 I had been contacted by John Willcox who made an appointment to come and see me. I have driven 700 kms round trip to meet them at my Hanging Rock property and he has never turned up.

Later on I had an email from Jamie Chivers. Wind Energy Partners had it recorded on their system that I had a meeting with John Willcox and that I had no objection to the wind farm. I have pointed it out to Jamie Chivers that I had taken time off work to travel to that appointment but Willcox never turned up, and I most certainty don't agree with the proposed wind farm. And that they should amend their records.

In June 2020 I had further communication from Aref who was trying to arrange for images for photomontage to be taken from my residence around 16th-19th of June 2020. I have since asked for my visual assessments several times, but to date they have not been provided to me. They are also not included in the Appendix F - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. At this time, I am still unsure of the magnitude of the impact upon my property, be it visual, noise or other.

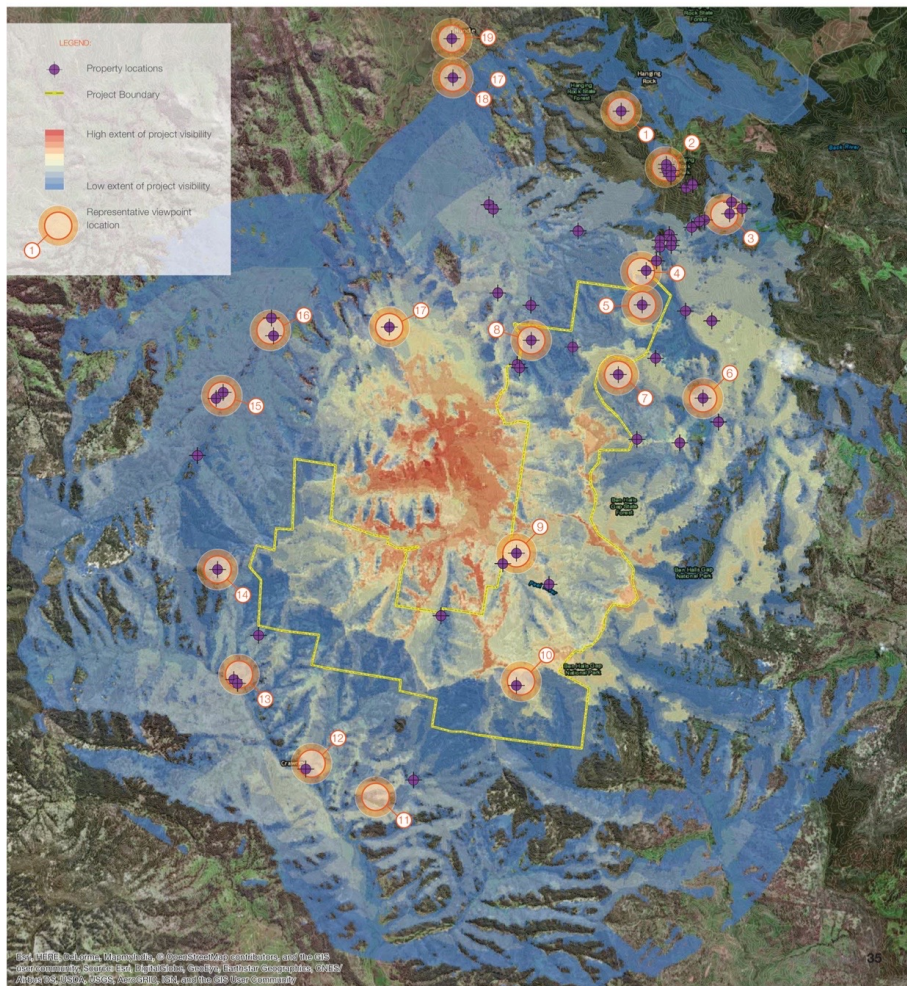
Prior to the lodgement of the EIS, the proponents were very pushy about sighing the Benefit Sharing agreements and I was also told that just about everyone on Morrisons Gap road already signed up. At the time leading to EIS I had many visit from Aref, who was trying to sign me up in the agreement to the wind farm, yet still, I have not been provided any information about the impact to my property and my questions went unanswered. Judging by this paragraph from the agreement they were forcing upon me, there will be many.

I have passed the provided contract to my legal representative and he advised me not to enter into the contract.

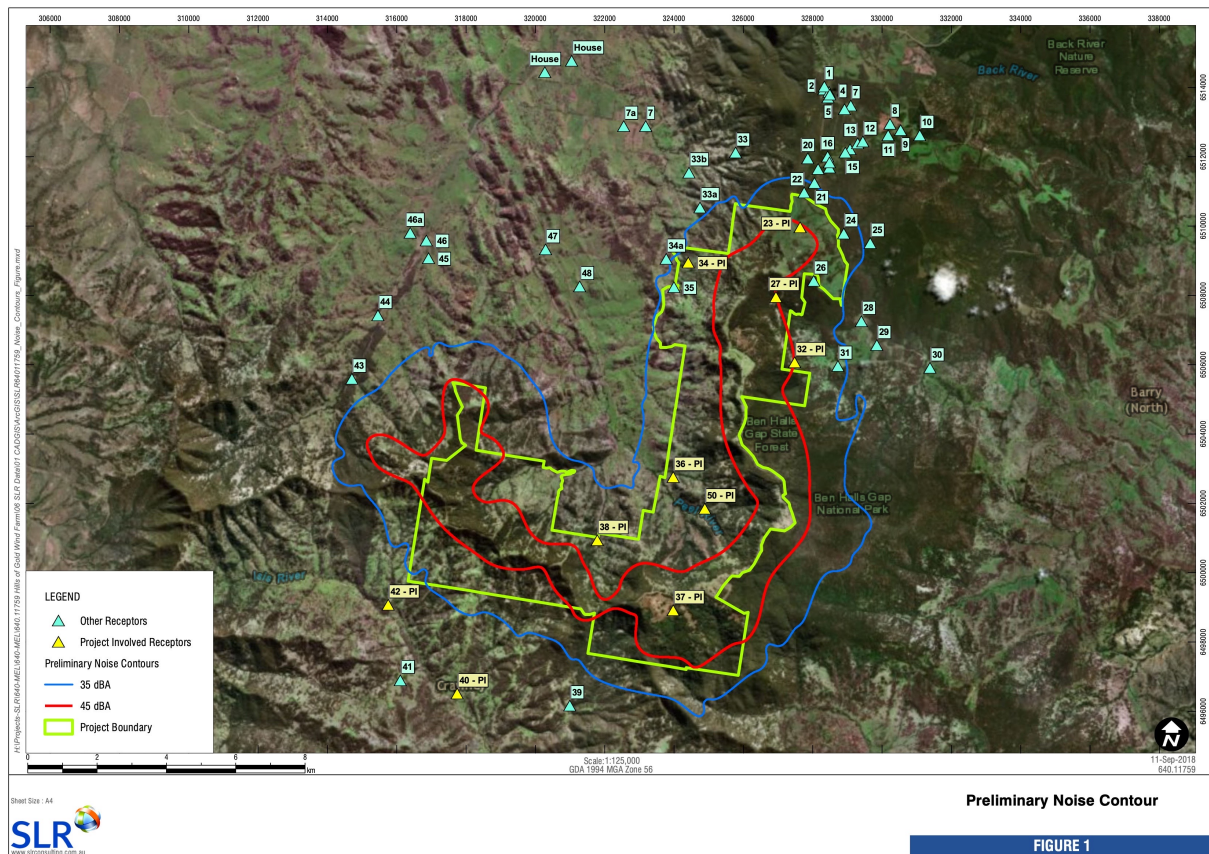


## Visual and noise impact

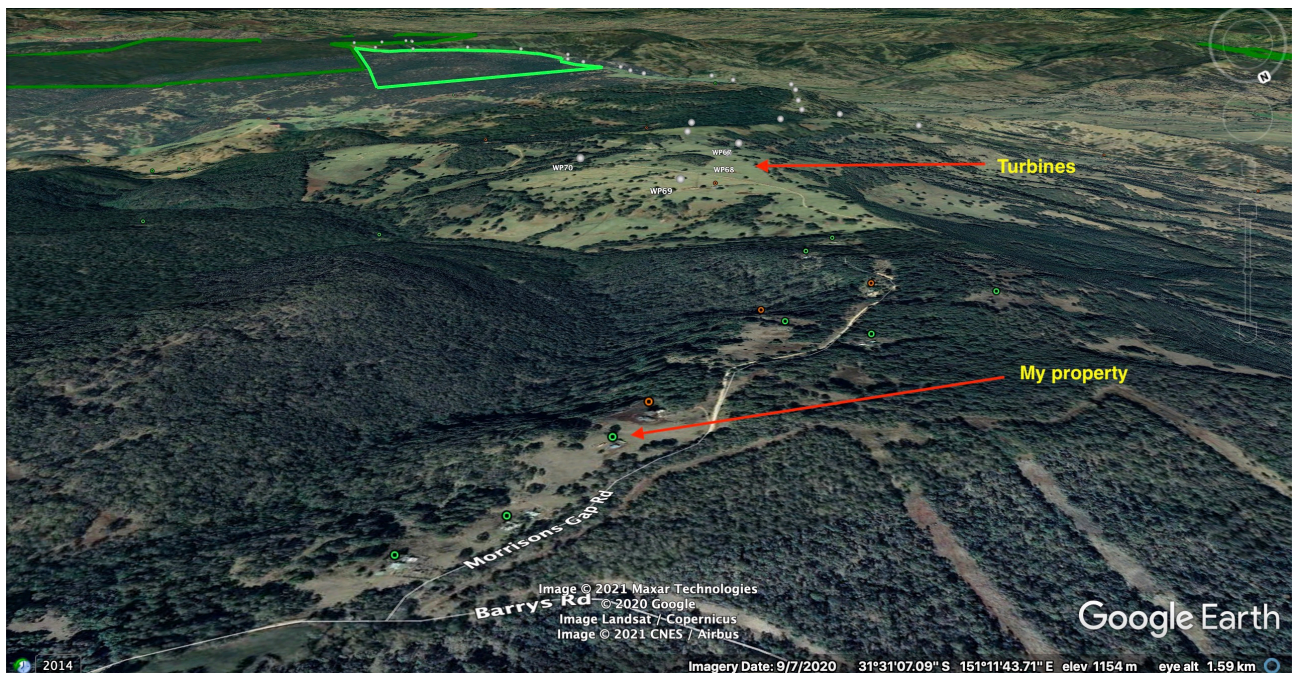
On 4th of May 2020 I have received an email From Aref Taleb, introducing himself and explaining his involvement with Someva. This email was a follow up on my phone conversation with Jamie Chivers. I was sent links to the project on the Department of Planning website and in a follow up email I was given following maps. There is only one problem, my dwelling was not identified on these maps and I still had no idea of the impact upon my property. All I could see was colourful blobs. I had reviewed other documentation they have provided the link to, with the same outcome. My dwelling was identified anywhere. It wouldn't matter who they sent this maps to, I doubt that anyone would be able to decipher any meaningful information from it.







The image bellow was provided to me by a friend and for the first time I could visualise my property in relation to the project. Wind Energy Partners made no such attempt.



My property has not been assessed for the impact by aviation lights, blade glint, noise, etc. I am very worried about the possibility of flashing red light which would be visible from inside the house. My property is a lifestyle and retirement place, purchased for the views and natural aspects of the area. I just want peace and quiet and siting this monstrosities so close to residential dwellings is unacceptable. The whole project seems like an act of environmental vandalism to me.

I will not accept the compensation as a way of mitigating impacts upon my property. The only suitable mitigation measure is the removal of the offending turbines.

## **Traffic impact**

I am not happy with the proposed huge increase in traffic volumes both ways, especially heavy traffic, past my house. The reason I bought this property is because its in the quiet area that almost feels like a large park like area with virtually no traffic and pleasant environment.

If the proposal was to go ahead, we would be experiencing traffic flows in excess of what it currently around the coal mines in Hunter valley. I find this totally unacceptable in the areas such as Hanging Rock and Nundle villages.