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annagrace Submission Re Hills of Gold Windfarm Application NO. SSD 9679

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

- 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 0670
- I would like my personal details withheld
- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years

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My husband and I lived in Nundle for a few years and only moved away because of his health issues. We maintained friendships both here and at Hanging Rock, and since his death last year I have returned to find a home again. The sense of community here, social activities. peace and quiet,--(very important in this busy world and difficult to find these days)—and the unique environment,--are all important aspects for health and well- being.

The ecology here is very fragile and the higher up the mountains the less soil on rocky ground, and only the trees hold the soil and ground together. To clear the proposed areas in so many places invites disaster-AND this is the catchment area for the Peel river—which supplies not only Nundle but Tamworth—a large and growing city. What will the quality of water be like—filled with all kinds of debris from the land clearing no doubt.

Since European settlement just 250 years ago on this, the driest continent on the planet, far too many trees have been destroyed—for multiple reasons. When will the people responsible for this degradation and destruction realise that trees sustain us? All animals including humans, breathe out carbon dioxide—the trees take it up and give us oxygen to breathe in, without which we would not survive. Trees also release water vapour, which provides another aspect necessary for our well-being, AND for release into the atmosphere to provide rain. How many more droughts can this country endure—with a growing population, before becoming complete desert?

Professor Bruce Lipton and others warn that we are facing the 6<sup>th</sup> great extinction on planet earth—and this time it includes US—human beings. Multiple species of insects have disappeared, this affects bird life---and subsequently more species up the food chain, by poisoning and degrading the land in far too many ways. Rachel Carson, a marine biologist in her seminal work published as 'Silent Spring' in the 1950s, foresaw this potential destruction due to poisoning of the environment. It is much worse today, a much larger population and fewer people who seem to care. Our physical bodies are made from the elements of the Earth—surely we need to protect that provider more than anything. And what of the future for the children of today---if we do not take steps to protect against destruction which will endanger them in the not too distant future.

As for the increase in traffic, new roads, further tree culling, this alone is enough to destroy the so far peaceful, beautiful and fragile environment. Also there will be many who may want to sell and move away---and this will no doubt damage real estate values.

Manilla and Armidale areas are working towards Solar Production of electricity. Nundle village and surrounds have more than enough flat areas—empty paddocks which would provide ample and multiple places for setting up a solar project—with none of the dangers of destruction and degradation inherent in the wind farm proposal—NONE. Neither would trees need to be culled, new roads built, the water poisoned, and all the other proposed damage. If the wind farm proposal is approved it must be realised that the destruction caused is irreversible and that alone should be sufficient reason for not approving it. WE INTERFERE WITH NATURE AT OUR PERIL The Schumann resonance which is the vibrational field of the earth does fluctuate for , but is supposed to be around 7.83Hz. Over the last couple of years it has fluctuated rather wildly at times. Has any research been done on what effect these turbines would have on that very important (for our sustainability) frequency? I suspect that could be a very important aspect to investigate.

Yours sincerely

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