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Objection to Hills of Gold wind farm in Hanging rock NSW. SSD-9679

My family has lived and farmed in the Willow Tree and surrounding districts since mid 1800s. It has been a generational habit to visit the area of Nundle and Hanging Rock in the summer months to escape the heat. I grew up knowing the Hanging Rock area well, with many trips made to the Sheba Dams for swimming and "picnics at the Rock". We picked blackberries in Autumn, we rode bikes through the forest, we fished and hunted and washed gold in the creeks.

My parents were always doing it tough, like many farming families do. Trips overseas just didn't exist for us. Trips to the big smoke like Sydney were rarity. Nundle was our holiday destination. Nundle was just different to any other town or village in the area. It changed over time, of course, but stayed the same in the way.

This proposed wind farm would bring too much change for the area, and might change it beyond recognition. It doesn't fit the area and doesn't match the surroundings. It's too polarising, too "in your face".

Technology will change fast, in 20 years time this industrial "wonder" will be outdated. My background in telecommunications allowed me to experience the fastest change of technology manual switchboards with operators to optical fibre and packet switching.

This wind farm is another example of jobs being taken away from people by advances in technology and computers. It will be remotely monitored from an office somewhere in the world. But people of Nundle and Hanging Rock will have to live with these monstrosities on their door step.

I can't imagine what all the construction traffic is going to do to visitors of the area. Surely the businesses in Nundle will miss out on some tourist dollar.

I don't think this is appropriate development for the area and this proposal should be rejected.