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Hello,

I'm writing again to voice my opposition to the proposed Hills Of Gold Wind Farm. The reinstating of 15 non compliant turbines is bewildering and beyond dissapointing. The unacceptable cost to the environment of an industrial development of 64 turbines between two National Parks will only be exacerbated.

Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve is a scientific reference park classed IUCN ( strict nature reserve ) and is closed to the public. The 8 turbines located next to Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve must be removed at all cost to protect biodiversity for future generations. In October 2022 Ben Halls gap Sphagnum Moss Temperate Rainforest was listed a Critically Endangered under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. The potential impact to the Sphagnum Moss Temperate Rainforest with up to 48 kilometres of new internal tracks, 2 concrete batching plants, 5 permanent and 5 temporary meteorological masts and up to 7 storage areas so close to this unique envoronment is irresponsible in my opinion. Engie has asked the Independent Planning Commission to reduce the buffer zone from 130 metres to 50 metres. The moderate blade strike risk to the local population of Wedge Tailed Eagles, Little eagles, Nankeen Kestrels, Square-tailed Kites and 27 bat species is also unacceptable. In February 2022 the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service requested the removal of all 8 turbines. I too request the removal of these turbines.

The unlawful clearing of land before any approval was given by Engie and the main landholder is staggering in it's arrogance.

Koalas are a Australian icon that should be considered above all kinds of development. Imagine how devastating it would be if our own Koala population went the way of Pandas? How embarrassing for our generation. Any proposal for clearing of 42.5 hectares of Koala habitat makes no sense at all.

Tamworth Regional Council doesn't want it, NSW National Parks doesn't want it, the Rural Fire Service doesn't want it and it appears that the only the Nundle residents that will benefit financially want it. I love renewables. I've got 68 solar panels on my roof in Nundle, but I certainly don't want the Hills Of Gold Wind Farm. Its not a case of "not in my backyard", its a case of a development in a inappropriate location.

Regards

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