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Hills of Gold Wind Farm Submission 10th July 2024

Application SSD-9679

Comment on additional information provided to Department of Planning and IPC

I wish to express my concern for the Department of Planning's recommendation to allow turbines to be sited closer to the Ben Halls Nature reserve and the reinstatement of turbines in ecologically threatened areas. Associated with this I have concerns for the yet unresolved water supply for the project as it is likely to draw from local water supplies and this will threaten the critically endangered Sphagnum Moss ecosystem that the Ben Halls Nature Reserve is home to. Building an industrial site with the associated hard stands, roads and erosion control measures so close to an area of such environmental and ecological importance should not be allowed.

The proponent has not demonstrated by its prior actions it can be trusted to look after such an important asset.

Yours sincerely

Rory Dempsey.