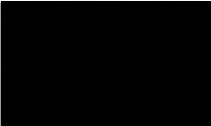


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NSW Government
Independent Planning Commission

I had previously submitted an **OBJECTION** to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment about the proposed **Hills of Gold Wind Farm**.

I would like to register my continued **OBJECTION** to the proposed **Engie Hills of Gold Wind Farm application** following the assessment by The Department of Planning and Environment.

I believe that the assessment of the proposal did not adequately consider the concerns raised about the project. I am particularly concerned that the option of not proceeding with the project at all was ever considered.

The following issues are still of concern..

The visual impact

I am a regular visitor to the Timor Crawney area. My sister and her husband own a fantastic property, Alston, where I enjoy the wonderful mountain environment.

Even 47 massive wind towers along the ridge top would degrade the beautiful scenery. These views typify what the Great Dividing Range is about.

The night sky in the area is another feature that I look forward to on my visits. The installation of hazard red lights on the towers would significantly downgrade this experience.

The damage to the Environment

The wonderful diversity of flora and fauna is another essential part of the Great Dividing Range.

The assessment of the wind farm project did not appear to include the loss of critical habitat for Koalas.

No amount of offsets can compensate for the loss of habitat in the actual area of the wind farm.

I feel that we cannot consider ourselves an environmentally conscious society by approving renewable energy projects, when, in the process, we allow the destruction of the very environment we are trying to save.

The roads.

I have seen the damage to the roads caused by heavy rains. I cannot imagine how they could stand up to the increase use by heavy vehicles and other construction vehicles. The assessment go no indication of the extent of upgrades proposed and how it would change the regional character.

The quiet amenity of the residents living along the roads would become a thing of the past.

Water catchment

The assessment did not indicate how the effectiveness of the plans to control erosion, run off and water catchment flows was to be assessed.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Tyson

