

My name is [REDACTED], I grew up in Nundle and am a Nundle resident, Kamilaroi man and landowner whose property borders the proposed development, I have an approved Dwelling DA, DAD_03 which is under construction. I run a primary production business and farm experience business. I also use my property for cultural learning experiences for students at my school. All of this will be directly negatively impacted by the proposed development.

1. The proposed development is outside of any REZ. The development should not be approved on these grounds.
2. The psycho-social hazards are immense. I place it on public record that the psychological hazards created by this long running and impactful proposal have in no way been considered and the ongoing nature of this proposal has drained and divided a once positive and proactive local community, there is no social licence. I have personally had 2 people speak with me in relation to the fact they have considered self-harm as a result of the ongoing burden of the proposal. These people stated they would seriously consider suicide rather than live with what this project will do to them. How will this risk be mitigated? The proposal in its entirety should be denied.
3. Page 22, point 81 actually describes why the project is not appropriate. It is on a ridgeline in a highly visible area on land that is prone to slips with sudden changes in topography.
4. Page 37, point 122 refers to my brother's property which adjoins my property. The point continues to neglect the fact that there is an approved DA for a dwelling with a marked location which has been shown to the proponent. The proponent must recognise this along with the visual and noise impacts. The location of the

dwelling is not being moved and is under 2km from the proposed turbines. This approved DA is around 500 metres from NAD_05 and therefore would be considered VIZ1 and the noise impacts the same. I request on my brother's behalf that the proponent recognise his DA and location as shown to them and place in on their maps and assume responsibility for impacts. The location for the dwelling is: -31.541525, 151.146409

5. Page 38 DAD_03 belongs to me. I disagree that this is VIZ2 rating. The location of the dwelling, which has been started will rate a VIZ1 and this was indicated as such by an independent reviewer.

All of the following information is directly from Appendix K, Independent Expert Review for Visual Impact:

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2.17.1 For **Visual Influence Zone 1** the Visual Magnitude Objective is, " Avoid turbines or provide detailed justification of turbines below the blue line". We consider that at several **VIZ1** residential locations proposed screening would be ineffective or not justifiable due to effects on the viewing locations and as a result some turbines should be avoided. The affected residences include DAD01(an approved DA with no residence), **DAD03** (an approved DA with no residence), NAD05 and its associated additional dwelling entitlement.

2.17.3 For **Visual Influence Zone 1** the Landscape Scenic Integrity Performance Objective is, "Wind turbines should not cause more than a low-level modification of the visual catchment. Turbines are seen as either very small and or faint or as of a size and colour contrast (under clear haze free atmospheric conditions) that they would not compete with major elements of the existing visual catchment." We consider that from residential viewing locations DAD01, **DAD03**, NAD05 and the associated additional dwelling entitlement the turbines along the ridgeline within LCU05 'Forested Mountain Ranges' **will not be perceived from those locations as very small or faint within the landscape and that the turbines would compete with a major landscape element of the visual catchment**

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2.17.5 For both **Visual Influence Zone 1 and 2** the Key Feature Disruption Performance Objective are, to (for VIZ1) avoid and (for VIZ2) to minimise the impact of wind turbines or ancillary facilities that result in the removal or visual alteration/disruption of identified key landscape features. This includes any major or visually significant landform, waterform, vegetation or cultural features that have visual prominence

or are focal points". The installation of turbines along the ridgeline will alter the appearance of the cutting edge of the horizon line. Clearing for access and crane hardstand areas and along transmission lines may also disrupt the continuity of the vegetation along the horizon line. For VIZ 1 designated or DA approved residential locations, DAD01, DAD03, NAD05 and the associated additional dwelling entitlement and NAD10A, this requires that the works and or turbines should be avoided.

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3.1.3.2

Turbine removal proposed to address issues at DAD01 in the Shearers Road Cluster 3.2.5 will require removal of many of the same turbines as those creating impacts at NAD05 and the potential impacts at DAD03. Removal of those turbines would substantially benefit several locations and remove many of the requirements for screening at NAD 05.

There is a mistake in the table on Page 18 which appears to be the original from Engie's review. It still has DAD_03 listed as VIZ2 despite all of the information above. This needs to be corrected to VIZ1.

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4.1.2 In our opinion the proposed turbine layout of the HGWF project does not satisfy the Visual Performance Objectives for Visual Magnitude, Landscape Scenic Integrity and Multiple Wind Turbine Effects set in the VAB in relation to residence DAD01. In this case we do not consider vegetative screening capable of reducing the impacts to meet the VAB requirements and that turbine removal is the most appropriate method of mitigation at DAD01. Removal of turbines WP 53-57 to the south and WP 58-WP63 to the north appears to be required to meet the VIZ 1 Visual Performance Objectives for DAD01. Removal of those turbines will also remove the need for extensive screening at NAD05 and provide greater development opportunities at DAD03. This proposed turbine removal would also benefit residences NAD48, NAD66 and NAD76 where the Visual Performance Objectives of the VAB are proposed to be met by implementation of screening adjacent to each residence

Engie needs to accept the rating of the expert as VIZ1 and appropriate measures must be taken to mitigate. Removal of at least turbines 57 to 70 are necessary. The boundary of my property, run for both primary production and farm experience borders the development and proposed turbines 64, 65, 66 and 67 all fall under 2km from my boundary. These turbines need to be removed for this

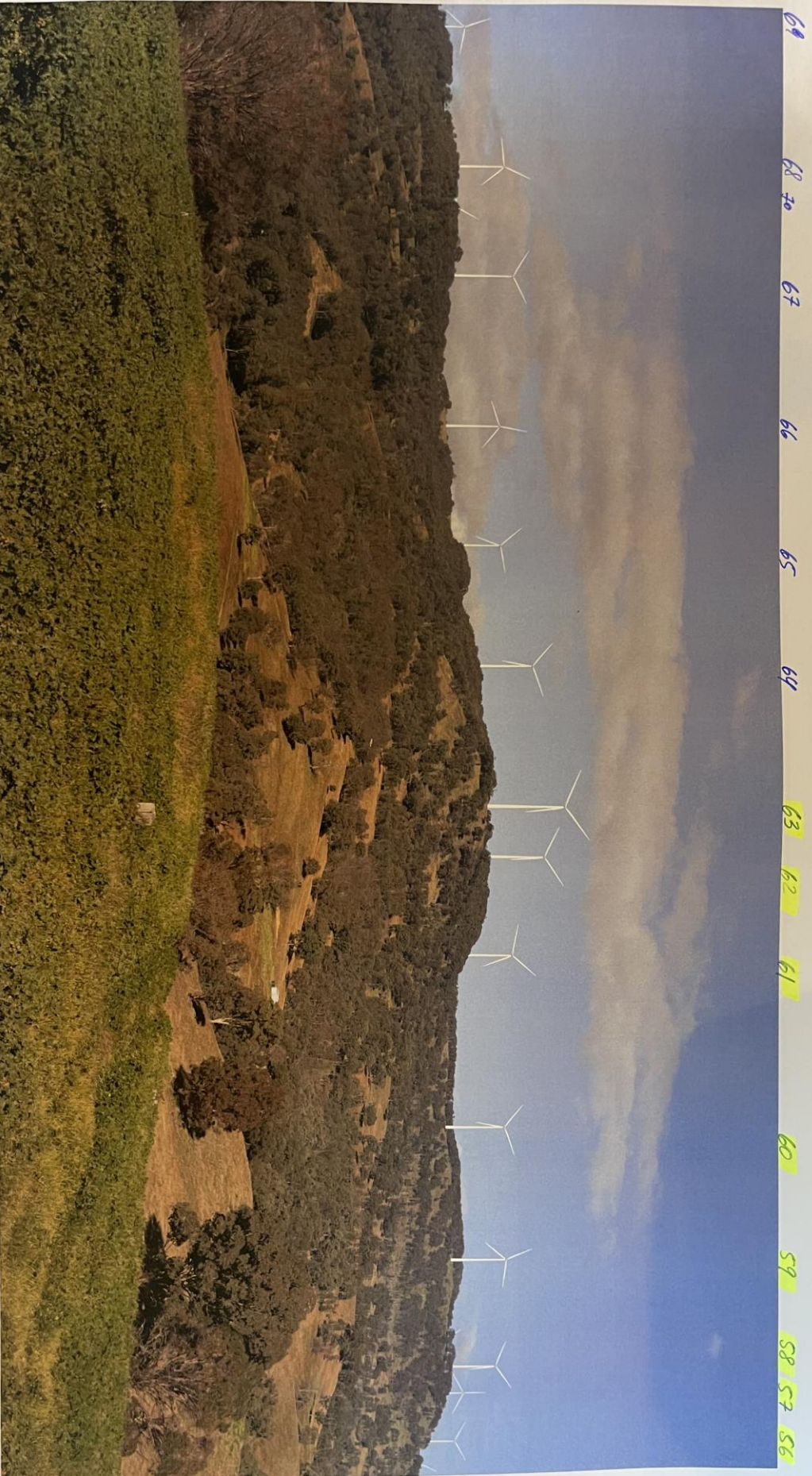
reason. They are all highly visible from the property. Screening is a naïve option and shows a complete lack of understanding of rural living and the reason for being in a rural area. It shows a colonialised understanding of connection with land and completely disregards my cultural connection. It needs to be removed as a mitigation measure as it is completely ineffective in our environment. Removal of turbines must be given greater consideration. The true cumulative visual impact on my property and dwelling has not been represented accurately in the report. No noise impact study has been done and needs to be as the rating is likely to be similar to NAD_05. I had requested verbally that it be done. Our property is our culture, our business, our place and it will be changed completely by this development. My son is a musician who uses the natural environment as part of his productions. Our property is essential to what he does. He is a member of Australia's first Indigenous Chamber Ensemble, Ensemble Dutala, works on a casual basis with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and produces his own music. The building currently under construction at DAD_03 will also house his recording study due to the quietness of the area.

My sister has recently completed her doctoral studies in Indigenous Art. Our property Walaay (Kamilaroi for home/camp/nest) is her work place on country. She is a well known professional Aboriginal artist and uses Walaay as her workplace. There has been zero regard given in any report to connection to country.

6. I also own lot 1 DP1139717. This carries a building entitlement, A photomontage was created by the proponent from the location of the proposed dwelling. The proponent knows a DA was to be submitted for a dwelling. The proponent knows the location of the dwelling. This needs to be taken into consideration in relation to visual impact. It has not been. Suggestions were put forward by Engie about moving the location of the dwelling. Their suggestions have completely disregarded council by laws in relation to the location of a dwelling and where

they can and can not be located. A simplistic solution was offered without any real understanding or research regarding legalities. The location of the proposed dwelling is about the view. This DA currently sits with a private certifier and will soon be finalised. The location of this dwelling has been shown to Engie: - 31.525408, 151.145352. They completed the below photomontage. Turbines 59 to 69 need to be removed. Engie were made aware of this development from the day they came to Nundle.

Photomontage 14

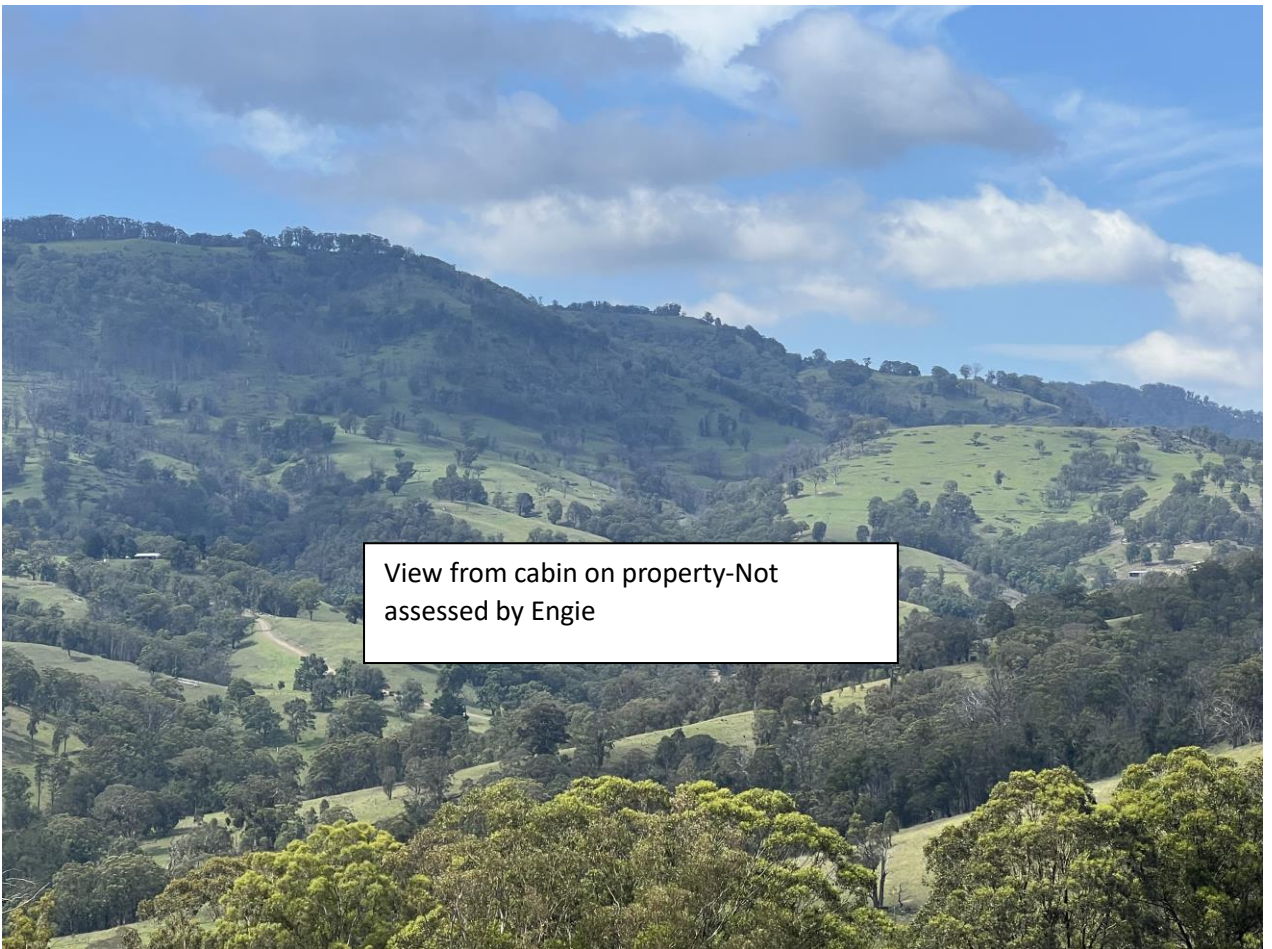


7. No regard has been paid by Engie to any of the impacts from the rest of our property. The property is wholistically used for our business and enjoyment. I include some photos from locations on our property, including from our shearing shed.





View from Shearing Shed








View from cabin on property-Not assessed by Engie

As you can clearly see, screening is not an appropriate mitigation. There needs to be proper and genuine consultation which has not happened. Impacting turbines 47 to 69 need to be removed.

8. I am the principal of Quirindi High School. I travel the Lindsays Gap road the school bus travels everyday to the highway. This is a dangerous route currently with the logging traffic and there have been a number of accidents with the trucks through 2023. The school bus does a high school and primary run from 7am until at least 8.30. Approval of this project will place the lives or children at risk. I refer to page 55 and point 178 where the proponent states they will reduce movements during this time-“as far as possible” this leaves it up to proponent discretion and places the lives of children at risk. A definitive no travel of OSOM vehicles needs to be implemented for these times. This should also apply to Crawney Road along which the school bus travels.

9. As an Aboriginal person, I believe the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report is lacking. It needs to be completed again, this time thoroughly, which means walking the entire site, from one end to the other, which did not happen, inspecting the micro locations of every proposed turbine, cable digging paths and substation locations as wells as all proposed roads. I am a member of the Nungaroo Lands Council, I do not speak on their behalf but I can say that as member, I know there is no agreement in place with the Nungaroo lands council for this project. Engie have made claims that there is. This is completely false and reprehensible. I provide evidence here from the Engie presentation to Tamworth Regional Council on Thursday 9/11/2023.

Voluntary Planning Agreement Evolution with TRC

	Original (TRC)	2021 Increases	2023 Revision
 Funding Commitment *Based on 30 year payment	\$4,200,000 *Based on 55 WTGs in TRC	\$4,700,000 *Based on 53 WTGs in TRC	\$9,564,842 *Based on 53 WTGs in TRC
 Timing of Funding	From Operations	From Operations	\$2,391,210 upfront on Construction \$7,173,632 (\$224,176 per year + CPI from Construction)
 Structure	TBD	Separated VPA from UHSC Direct VPA with S355 committee	Direct VPA with TRC administered through existing community committees
 Funding during Construction	N/A	\$150,000	\$2,391,210 upfront on Construction
 Increase Admin Costs	N/A	\$10,000 setup costs \$10,000 first year \$5,000 thereafter	Included within Funding Commitment

Revised Final VPA for Community Benefits – TRC

TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

Turbines in LGA

53 of 64 (83% of Project Funding)

FUND

Total \$ Amount

Timing

Upfront Component

\$2,391,210

Upfront during construction

Voluntary Planning Agreement

\$7,173,632

\$224,176 payable annually + CPI from the start of construction

TOTAL

\$9,564,842

1.5% of the Capital Investment Value

In addition to other Community Benefits

- **Energy offer for local residents** through ENGIE's energy retailer approx. **\$85,000** per year of operation
- **Sponsorship programs** during development – up to **\$50,000** per year of development

- **Agreements** with Gomerioi Native Title Claimant group and Nungaroo Aboriginal Lands Council
- **Neighbour Agreements** worth **\$330,000** per year

10. The next comments pertain to Appendix K-Constructability Advice

Our farm is directly below the development. We rely solely on the waterflow from this area to feed our dams. We have a number of creeks which have not been identified by Engie that run through our property, including Nundle Creek.

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The Soil Summary clear states in the last points that the impact of disturbance and erosion. Having this done is essential for us. Without proper assessment and therefor mitigation, the impacts on our property could be devastating. What will be the measures Engie will put in place to help us recover from any impacts associated with the unknown erosion impacts.

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This review states clear in paragraph 6 that there will be short and long term changes to surface water flows downstream.

We have no idea of the impact on our water supply. Enge has made no attempt to inspect our property and review the impacts of changed water flows or impacts of erosion.

This development is proposed for class 8 soils and this has been ignored. Our property shares similar soil types and I can clearly demonstrate major landslips.

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These pages identify the significant slopes the development is proposed for. There are significant cut outs proposed. There has been no assessment of the visual impact of these. This is required but has not happened.

I ask that the all above requests be implemented but ultimately, the project be denied consent in it's entirety.

