

Submission in Support of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm

I support the HoGWF for the reasons that follow:

1. Community This development would likely bring people and opportunity to Nundle and the surrounding villages helping to maintain these towns as viable growing profitable communities

Opportunity for jobs in local businesses, opportunities for local businesses to grow in size and income and therefore employ new workers and thus grow the community and provide jobs to our local young people rather than having them leave the district for work leaving their families and their community

Potential for school growth with more families and more students -this in turn as the school grows provides for more opportunity for the students and greater opportunity for the school to have a larger teaching staff and a more diversified curriculum for a broader subject offering

2.A Community Enhancement Fund Such a Fund would provide opportunity for Nundle and surrounds that these communities would have little or no way of having any other way.

Possibilities to support and grow local community groups and provide infrastructure for groups- such as:

Family, Youth, Kids, the more Matute and Aged -Youth and kids clubs, aged care facilities, mature age classes, community BBQs

Interest groups -cooking, gardening, Men's shed, Ladies groups, Music presentations and opportunities, Drama, Choirs ,Fishing

Sports groups- swimming club and enhancement of the Local swimming pool - heating for classes, lessons, competitions and carnivals ;cricket club and grounds, support to Gold and Bowls ,New possibilities - touch football ,netball

2.Location:This particular wind farm is well located as it is NOT on prime farming or prime agricultural land but hill country -the land while not prime can still be utilized for grazing beneath the turbines and under any transmission lines

3. Infrastructure: It is proposed to use some EXISTING infrastructure utilizing power transmission lines previously associated with the now decommissioned Liddell Power Station

I support this use of existing infrastructure – it should have less environmental and structural impact with less unnecessary duplication of infrastructure

It seems a sound, sensible environmentally beneficial and sustainable proposal and adds support for this location for the proposed windfarm

4. Tourism The tourism potential with visitors to view the Wind Turbines and with further potential for bush walking, mountain bike tours, educational tours. The tourism potential largely limited only by the imagination. Many people do like to see and watch the wind turbines.

5 Education With “alternative energy” sources and “sustainability” being key terms in the current education curricula the wind farm has potential for teaching excursions and workshops, for close up/on location and interactive teaching and educational programs

Opportunity for jobs on and related to the project -bringing new skills to this community and with the opportunity for others to learn (or teach) new skills

And more people in town brings more money which brings growth to a town which hopefully brings strength and longevity to the town

Yes I support the Hills of Gold Wind Farm