

I am the owner of the property next to the proposed Hill of Gold Wind Farm at Hanging Rock, south of Nundle. My property is located on Shearers Rd at Hanging Rock, NSW. Lot 1 DP 1011216. It is called NAD\_7.

I sent a letter to [REDACTED] a long time ago and asked him to remove the turbines within 3.1 kms from my house, the black circle they call it. He is yet to reply to me.

My house is on a little shelf and turbine number 70, which is the closest at 1.7 kms, is just across the valley. The bottom of it is higher than the elevation of the house and the top is another 230 meters higher again.

The location of the turbines are sitting on spring fed gullies that supply the Barnard River. I have a privately owned section of this river which currently contains threatened/ endangered "spiny freshwater crayfish" (*Euastacus Gamilaroi*). Any runoff from construction or failure of the erosion mitigation proposals will have dire consequences for what is already a very rare species of Crayfish.

Quote: "Euastacus crayfish are vulnerable to environmental pressures as they are generally slow growing, late maturing, long lived and/or rare. Habitat degradation is likely to be having a detrimental impact on *Euastacus* species. Habitat degradation can be caused by erosion and the clearing of riparian (riverside) vegetation. It can result in the siltation of rivers, the invasion of exotic species and a decline in water quality. Changes in hydrological conditions, loss of suitable habitat and increased potential for bushfire events are also factors".

[http://tolweb.org/Euastacus\\_gamilaroi/7919](http://tolweb.org/Euastacus_gamilaroi/7919)

Our property doubles up as a mental health refuge for some of my returned service personnel friends that suffer from PTSD. We allow them to use our place as a mental health reset. Red lights, noise, shadow flicker and the view of turbines will counter this good work. The wind farm project has potential to end this volunteer work and destroy lives trying to get back on track.

I have only just recently received my visual assessments, after the Department has published their recommendation for the wind farm. It's hard to say what I am looking at with all these artificial trees plastered on green mesh. Some of them are unrealistically big judging by how many degrees of view they are occupying. They would have to be 10 to 15 meters wide in the trunk. I can see that this material was put together in August last year, but they have used an old aerial image of my property. They said that I have trees to the west of the house which will screen turbines. After the 2019-2020 bushfires, I have cut down a lot of trees on this side because the ground slopes down to the West.

This was done to improve the fire break, as you know, fire runs uphill. I never heard anything from the company about trees being required for their visual screening.

THE TREES THEY ARE SAYING WILL BLOCK OUT TURBINES WERE REMOVED NEARLY **THREE YEARS AGO**. THEY ARE NOT THERE!!

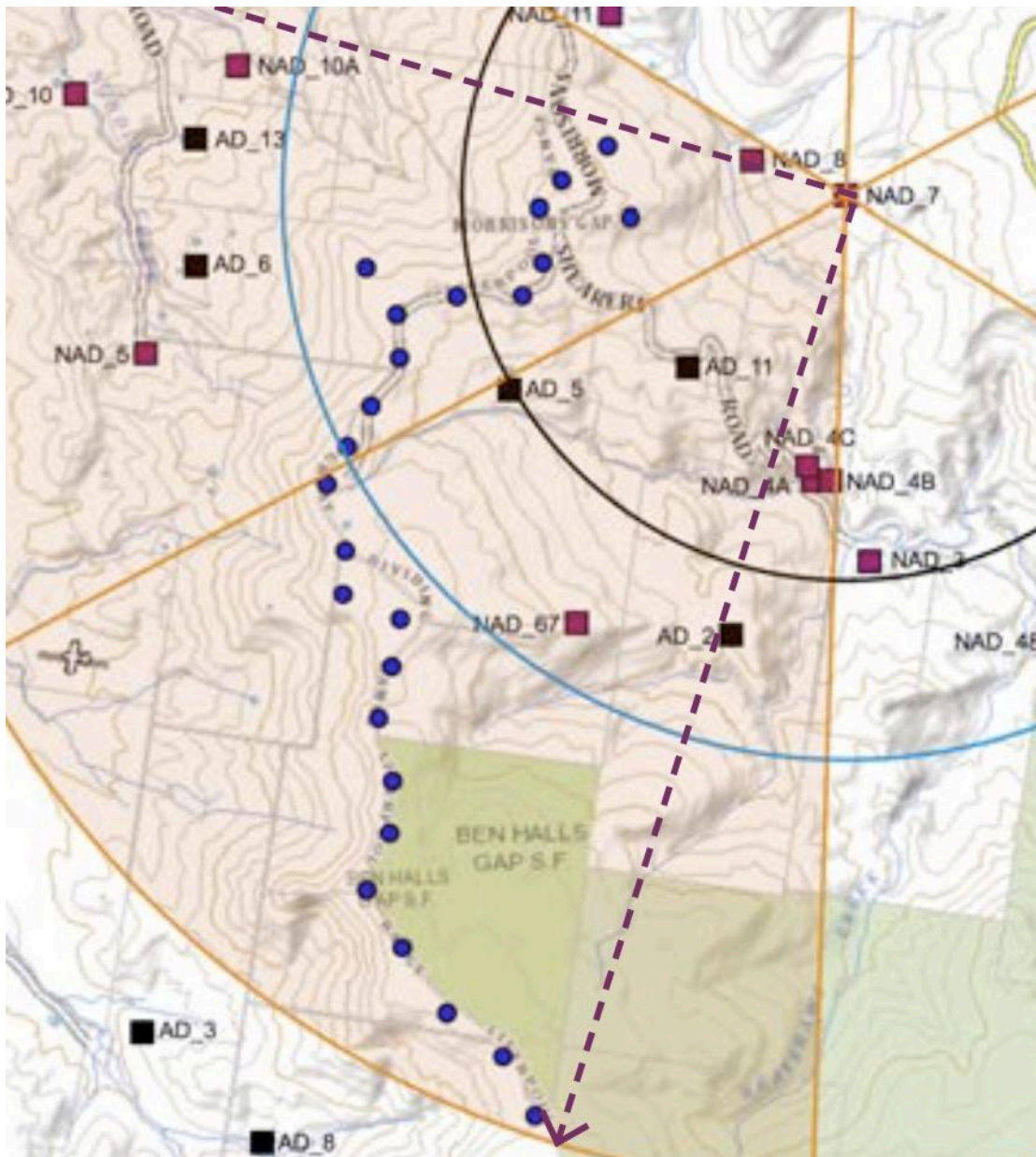


You can see them lying on the ground. The trees used to come up right to the house where the ground looks smooth.

**No one has come out to our place to look, we didn't have any consultations.**

About a month ago there was a big bush fire near Pilliga, about 180 kms away. We had ash landing on our roof and it made me think that I better get on with it and clear the rest of the shelf. Safety of my family comes first.

From the eastern side of my house I can see Shearers Road and Morrisons Gap road as it comes through the trout farm. So if any turbines were there, I would seem whole, but I was told they are now removed. I agree with their removal, but the other ones still left should be removed as well. PLEASE REMOVE THE REST OF THE TURBINES FROM 64 TO 70. Our house is on the side of the hill and we will definitely see them.



In addition to the above my family will be impacted by proposed road works all along Morrisons Gap Road, and I don't know how they are going to get big loads through the Devil's Elbow in the first place, and where the road has collapsed in the village. This road should not be allowed to be used.

Reject this wind farm altogether, it's in the wrong location.