

New South Wales Government Independent Planning Commission

Submissions re-opened on additional material for Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

27 June 2024

The State significant development application for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm is currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

In January and February, Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Ltd (the **Applicant**) presented information to the Commission in a stakeholder meeting, in the public meeting and via written submission. On 16 February 2024, the Commission wrote to the Department of <u>Planning, Housing and Infrastructure</u> (**Department**) to seek its further advice in relation to this information.

On 25 June 2024, the Commission received the Department's response, which includes additional material from the Applicant and advice from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel on Energy Transition (**IEAPET**). This additional material has now been published on the Commission's <u>website</u> and is linked below:

Additional case material available for public submissions

- Response to request for further information from DPHI
- Attachment B DPHI Request for Information
- Attachment C Engie Response to RFI 27 March 2024
- Attachment D IEAPET Advice
- Attachment E Recommended Instrument of Consent

The Department's response concludes, in part, that:

.... based on IEAPET's advice that constructing 62 turbines is the only viable option for a wind farm to proceed at this location and given the lack of other mitigation provided by the Applicant, the Department recommends that it would be in the public interest to approve turbines 53-62 to provide 384 MW of renewable energy to the State of NSW, with strict conditions for the acquisition of Lot 47 DP753722 (the land which contains DAD01).

In accordance with the Commission's '<u>Public Submissions Guidelines</u>' policy ('Submissions on additional material', page 7), the Commission Panel considers that it would be assisted by public submissions on the additional material provided and has re-opened public submissions. **Submissions may be made on the additional material listed above via email to** <u>submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au</u> by 12pm AEDT/AEST Monday 8 July 2024.

The Panel will only consider submissions received directly from the person making the submission. Campaign emails, petitions or form letters will not be considered nor uploaded to the Commission's website. Submissions must specifically relate to the new material only. All relevant submissions received by the Commission will be published as soon as practicable after the deadline has passed. Please note that the submission deadline will be strictly enforced, and late submissions will not be considered by the Panel nor uploaded to the Commission's website.

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