

Dear Independent Planning Commission,

I Brendan Nawrocki of [REDACTED] Nundle have been well connected to the community of Nundle for well over ten years now in way of a Construction Contractor, an Employee, a Resident, a Business owner a Volunteer a member of the Nundle Business tourism and marketing group incorporated, a Musician, an attendee and importantly a friend and good mate of the community.

In this time I have witnessed first hand a strong binding community come together and thrive as one in events such as "The Great Nundle Dog Race", "The Chinese Easter Festival", "The Nundle country Picnic", various events in the Nundle Town hall, many events including weddings and country music concert events at The Dag Sheep Station on Crawney road, open days at Wombramurra Homestead and Nundle Courthouse Museum and much much More. Also in this time on a darker note I have experienced the many trials and tribulations that a small town community deals with including Wild bushfire, Flooding rain, Motor Vehicle accident causing death, Loss of a community member due to both illness and or old age and a world wide pandemic and in all of the above listed both good and bad I have never been more proud to stand amongst a group of people who stand up for what they believe, show up when they can, still help out when they can't and generally support one another and have each others backs from the minute the sun rises each day to when they lay their heads at night.

Six years ago the town of Nundle and nearby Hanging Rock affectionately known and loved for its step back in time disconnect from the "real world" friendly face gold fossicking camping, bushwalking nature loving majestic tourist destination and rural farming community was thrown a blow (no pun intended) that a State Significant Industrial "Green" wind farm was to be placed on the Ridgeline which overlooks our heritage significant home town which sits proudly upon Kamilaroi traditional land. This has caused great division in our close-knit bond as one and now we have the "Hills of gold preservation group" and the "Friends of windfarm group" and to say this has brought out the best and worst in some people would be an understatement, the very best and utmost respect from some and then there is the others.

In the early days of this "campaign" there was some wording along the lines of "If the majority don't want it, it will not go ahead" and now that we are more than aware that the majority (myself included) OBJECT and OPPOSE the project and for the minority and for beneficial landholders think that this will create jobs for the townsfolk, get free power to the town, money will be everywhere and we will save the planet because of this, it is beyond me.

There has to be BIG question mark raised here on the potential threat of bushfire as with every construction site there are fire risks involved and to construct on and adjacent to dense bushland, forestry and Ben Halls Nature Reserve the threat of bushfire and or wild fire is present and real ( google wind turbine fire) and as we have experienced not that long ago when we had a catastrophic fire in the forest accidentally start and it was no fun for anybody concerned, it burned for weeks and is a time we all wish to forget but "need to" and "have" learnt from. I recently watched a program online "Fire Country" (great viewing if time

permits) based in a town called “Edgeworth” California which I felt shared a lot of similarities to Nundle and adjoining Hanging rock with the key points being strong community resilience and respect and an out of control wildfire in an inaccessible forest is something you want to avoid at all costs and or profits.

I also wish to address traffic and transport issues during and after construction. The roads in and out of Nundle are by no means national freeways but they serve a purpose and serve us (the residents, the farmers, the suppliers, the business owners and tourists) well and to add the extra pressure to this infrastructure during and after construction (in particular during) would be bedlam and cause unnecessary damage to bridges, roadways, heritage significant buildings and structures not to mention flora and fauna destroyed by clearing for new access roads and turbine sites of up to 190 hectares that’s 2 million square meters (grab a tape measure and put that in context) (note unauthorised clearing has commenced including Ancient snow gums which I am immensely gutted) The sheer number of vehicles required and weight of the previously mentioned (170 tonne for the heaviest singular vehicle by memory) for this project would be the end of tourism here in Nundle and the END of peoples livelihoods, people I consider beautiful human beings and great long-term friends. As I mention earlier coming from a construction background I fully understand the impact of too many vehicles at a construction site and to turn Nundle and Hanging Rock into an ongoing “Construction site” for the duration of this obscene project scratching the backs of a select few would be detrimental to the health and well being to many others myself included and might I add that the six year process to get us to this point has well and truly taken its toll and knocked the wind out of us physically emotionally and financially.

I will close by reiterating that I Brendan Nawrocki alongside the Nundle and Hanging rock local majority OBJECT and OPPOSE the “Hills of Gold wind farm” and would be more than grateful for the disapproval of this project and never built now nor in the future which will in turn leave the majestic beauty of our beloved area well preserved therefore to be cherished and enjoyed for many generations to come.

#### Quotes

Tom petty –

I wont back down

no I wont back down

you can stand me up at the gates of hell

but I wont back down

Brendan Nawrocki/Brad Butcher –

Crawney road

it’s the valley of ideas

escape the ordinary inhabitations disappear

its everything and all I know

it comes together in a beautiful way

Crawney road

Brendan Nawrocki/Logan Hoswell/Joel Cummins

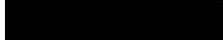
Don't get me started no blowing in the wind  
I wont let you take the beauty Kamilaroi land  
This is my home forty thousand years  
I wont close my eyes until you understand

Kind regards

Brendan Nawrocki



Nundle Guitars



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