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## **Hills of Gold Wind Farm SSD9679 Submission to the Independent Planning Commission**

### **Missing data.**

In the Engie submission lodged on February 14, 2024, after the closing date for submissions Annexure 8 Geotechnical and site constructability contains the following paragraph:

*“During the initial phase of similar wind farm developments, high level geotechnical investigations are standard to acquire a fundamental understanding of the site. The Proponent has far surpassed this baseline with significant quantities of testing commissioned within the Project area: this conservative approach included conducting 51 test pits, 23 boreholes, installing 7 groundwater monitoring standpipes, and carrying out 17 electrical resistivity (ER) tests, 20 thermal resistivity (TR) tests, 4 land seismic refraction profiles, 2 multi-channel analysis of surface waves (MASW) profiles, and analysis of 181 laboratory samples. The comprehensive testing and on-site evaluations undertaken provide a high degree of confidence that there are no class 8 or other problematic soils present within the Project area.”*

The data referred to has to date not been made publicly available and has not been available for evaluation.

It is essential that the data Engie claims to have gathered is reviewed by appropriately qualified experts. It is therefore essential that the Engie data be referred to:

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Expert assessment of the unpublished Engie data must be reviewed and assessed before a final decision on the Hills of Gold Wind Farm is made.