

Hi, my name is Danielle, I am speaking on behalf of my family and our family business run from the farm on Crawney road.

Our property is NAD_22

We are located close to the Crawney end of the project, under 5 kilometers to turbines on the western end. The impact of this project on our lives is huge

We will have the construction traffic, trucks and light vehicles, coming within meters of our house accessing the power lines under construction. We also have concerns about trespassing over our land in other areas where the construction track are very close to our boundaries.

As you see in the attached documents and as I presented to you please take note to the first page

On this first page , we are looking at the recommended access Option B. The access is in a tight space between the wet area (large dam) and our property corner. We think that they may intrude onto our land to get away from the boggy area.

I am asking the commission to make it a condition of consent that the Applicant should survey our corner, we can call it Corner A, prior to the commencement of construction. Also that the Applicant puts up a fence 50 meters either side of the corner to make sure that they dont interfere with our boundary, and to ensure that not an inch of our land is excavated during the construction of access option B, and enough soils is left on the corner for the fence to stand.

We want to make sure that our land is not trespassed upon by the hundreds of vehicles and workers.

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At the front of our house we marked it as Corner B1 and B2, this is where there is a possibility of trespass by the neighbor's driveway, which is proposed to be used by the Applicant for accessing the wind farm power line. The use of this access point will have a huge impact on our dwelling with light and heavy vehicles passing our house in close proximity. We also need to make sure that no trees located on our private property are cut, lopped or damaged by the large trucks accessing the power line.

We don't know how well the old fence is aligned with the boundary. We are asking the Commission to make it a condition that the Applicant survey these two corners.

Additionally, we would like the commissioners to impose the following conditions in relation to the use of this driveway in front of our house. No construction traffic earlier than 8:30 or later than 3 pm, and dust suppression measures or sealing to be implemented to prevent the dust from settling on our roof, silting up our gutters and rain water tanks.

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Looking at the maps provided by the applicant, it seems they may need to enter our paddock at section C because the land on the other side of our fence is very steep. There is not much room for a track there which is why our neighbors enter and cross our paddock especially in wet weather. Again, we would like to make sure that the wind farm power line construction traffic does trespass on our land. This is another section where we would like the Applicant to do the survey to make sure that any tracks constructed are not on our land.

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This slide is about the Governors shelf and the visual impact.

From our veranda, kitchen, living room and over the dining table we will be looking at multiple turbines, the big road they propose to build to transport turbine components onto the ridge, the substation, the massive battery bank, the large worksite shed and the concrete production facility.

This Project already has another option for the substation, in the middle of the project far from Nundle, public roads and people's homes. We would like for this optional substation location to be removed, please. They should be restricted to the original location for this infrastructure, it would result in the reduced visual impact us, less disturbance and lower biodiversity impact and reduced erosion risk.

We ask that the turbines number 6,5,4,3 and 2 are removed to mitigate the visual impact to our property, please.

I think the Commissioners need to investigate the constructibility of the Western Connector road very carefully and carry out risk assessment. Without detailed engineering plans nobody knows what the true impact is.

This is also important to understand the visual impact, we don't know if the batters be concerted or covered in rock. We don't know how big the batters will be. How wide the road itself needs to be.

We are used to looking at the tree lined ridge top, this will change.

They have raised the amount of compensation they are offering us because they obviously recognize the significant impact this project is having on our property. We will not be accepting any compensation, we want this infrastructure removed.

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This is the view from our veranda, living room and dining room we have big windows on that side of the house as we love the view it has at the moment. There will be no where to hide as the wind turbine are so visible from our main living area of our home.

That will all go if this project will be approved we are looking straight at the substation between the two old fruit trees which are deciduous and won't provide any screening in winter, and which will not last for the next 30 years.

If we walk a few meters to the other side of the house and the other side of these trees, we see the whole ridge like in the previous slide.

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They have proposed to plant some vegetation downhill from the house, 8 to 10 meters from the veranda, without any consultation with us. I don't think they are taking any fire risk into account.

A big concern of mine is that they haven't been communicating with us at all (since December 2021) !! we will be greatly impacted and we have not been updated on any of the roads that come close to our dwelling.

What about any risk assessment? For any of the project construction? Fire ? All around us in massive bush land (as it should) how are we going to put a fire out with no choppers they haven't been very organized, and that should not be reworded!

Other things I wanted to address

Ultimately we would like this project to be rejected, but in the worst case scenario, if it has to be approved because of the political pressure, can you please put a condition that if no turbines are operational within 5 years, the project should expire?

We don't want to live forever with approved but not constructed ghost wind farm.

Can you also please put a condition that they can not upgrade the turbines to a greater hight at a later date,

one final question please?

IF A T TURBINE LIFE IS 25 YEARS, HOW MANY YEARS ARE SPENT REPAYING THEIR DEBTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT?

I would like to see the answer to that, and its up to them to present to us and you the answer

Presentation to the Independent Planning Commission
Hills of Gold wind farm

Supporting material to my verbal presentation

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Corner A



The location of the recommended access to wind farm site from Crawney Road (Option B) in relation to our private land

We would like it to be a condition of consent that the Applicant must survey the corner and install a fence for the length of 50 meters either side of the corner. This is to ensure that not an inch of our land is disturbed during the construction of the access option B, and enough soil is left on the corner for the fence to stand.

Corners B1 and B2

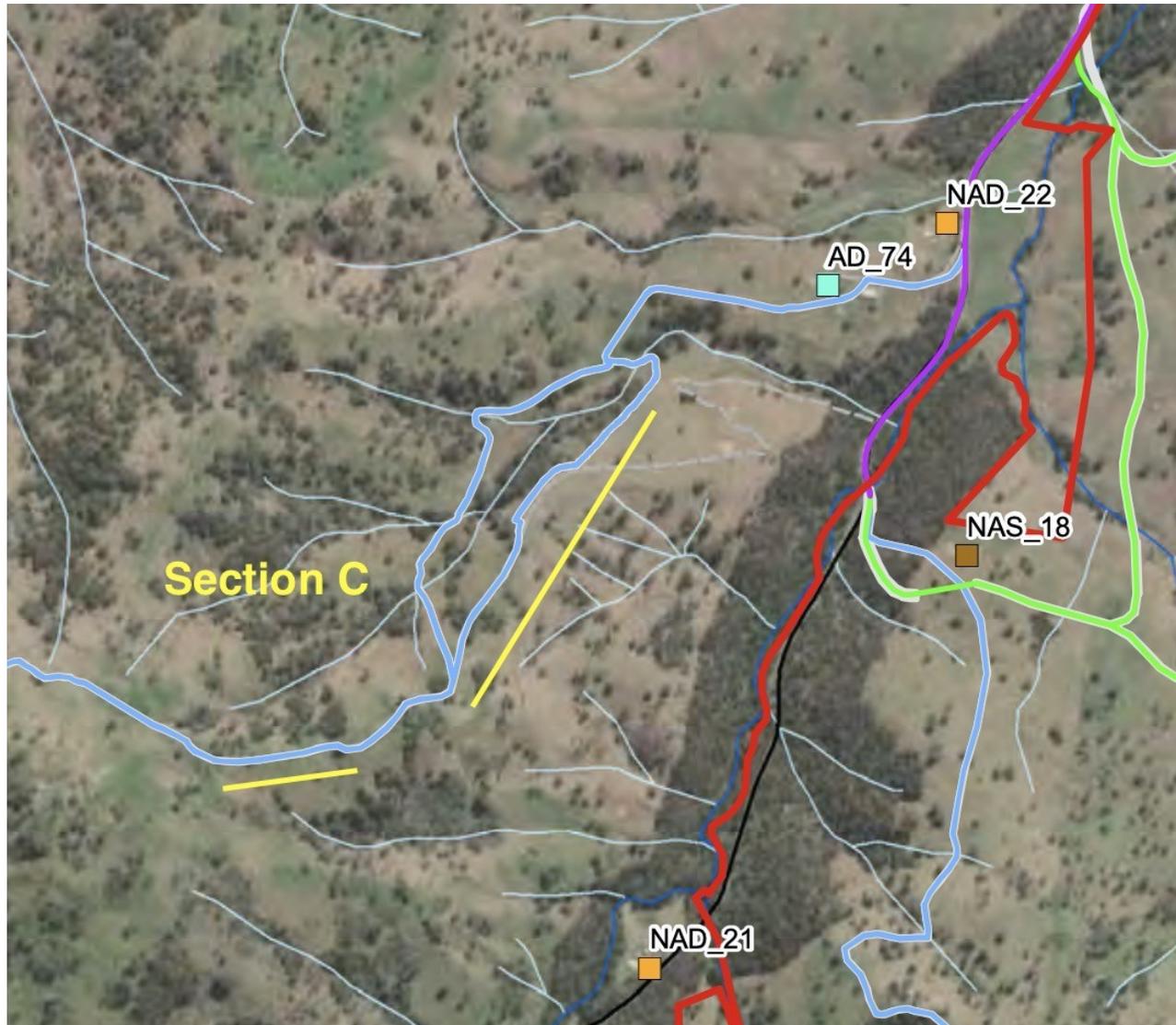


Access to powerline construction vehicles
Trucks with wire spools and tower sections
Electrical components
Gravel and cement tracks
All meters within our home

Conditions:

- Survey the corners
- Time of use/construction hours
- Dust suppression

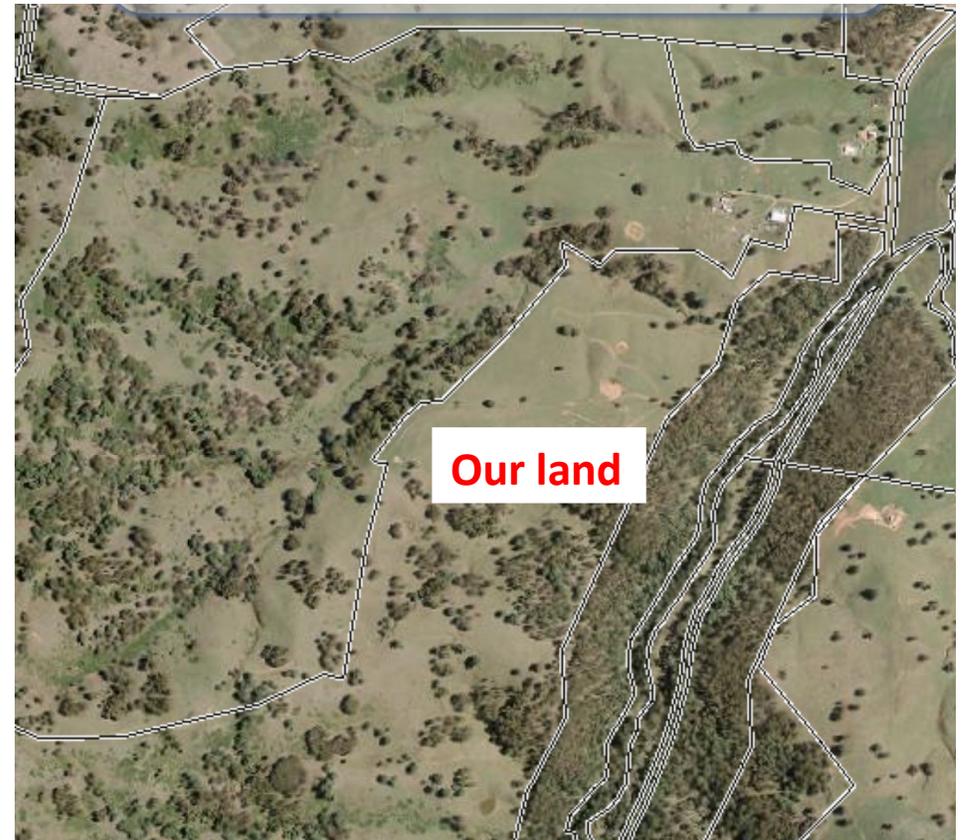
Section C



It appears that in some areas the power line construction access tracks are following our boundary very closely, or even trespassing.

Condition:

Survey the boundary



The Applicant has provided Photomontage PM01 to demonstrate the visual impact of the turbines and the power line corridor. They have **never** presented the visual impact of the Western access track to the development corridor (orange line) nor the big Battery bank, Concrete batching plant, Operations building and the Substation, all located on the shelf below turbine 5. A community member has added these element to the Applicant's base picture to demonstrate the visual impact. **This is our visual impact.** This photomontage represents the view from the paddock next door, **200 meters from our house.**

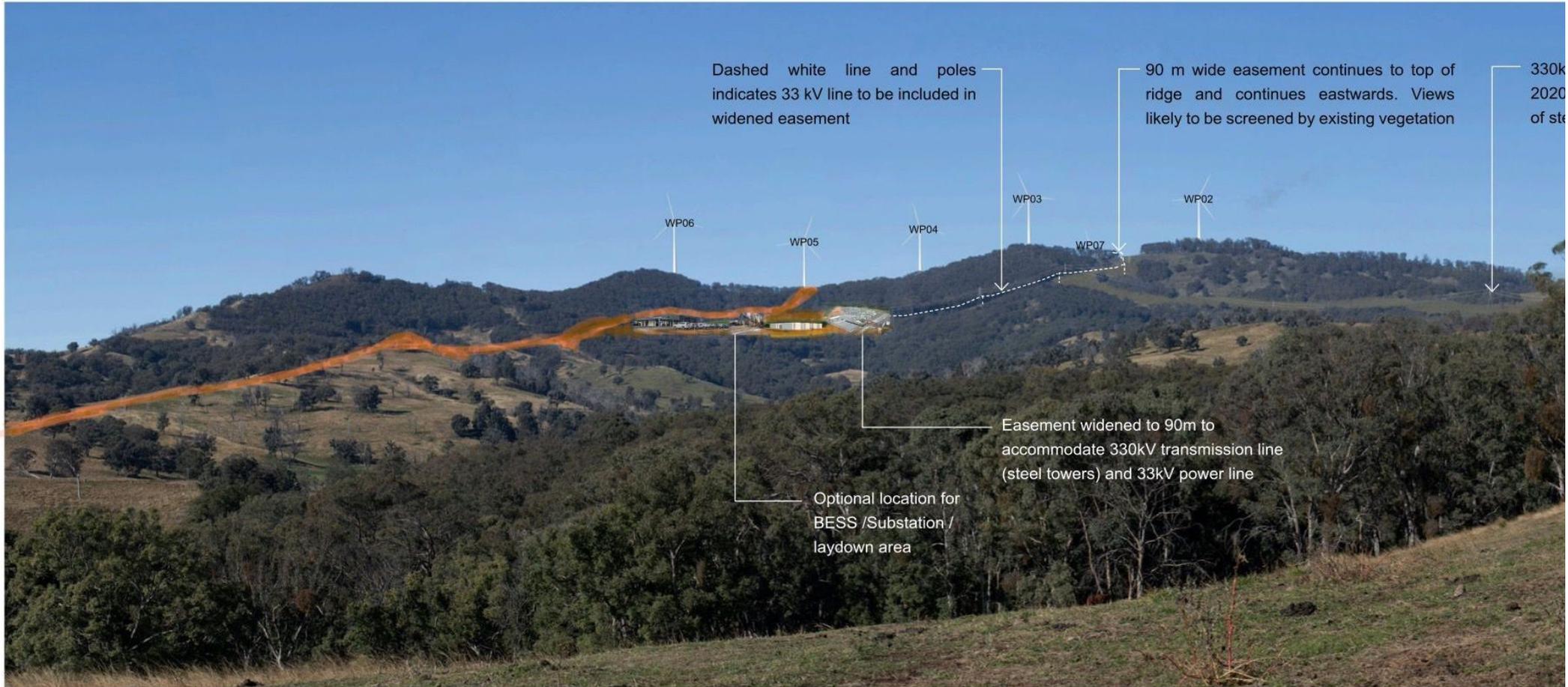


Figure B.1.1.2. Transmission Line (Option 1) Photomontage PM01 (Representative of AD_74)

Note: The photomontage demonstrates location and course of power lines for representation purposes only. The proposed power lines will be of subtle colour and will blend w

The insufficient existing screening



Two fruit trees, both very old.

Deciduous, so don't screen anything in winter.

Looking straight at the substation from our veranda.

See the rest of the ridge from other areas in house yard

Direct visual impact to our property by:

Turbines,

Power lines,

Substation,

Battery bank,

Concrete batching facility

Operations building

Night lighting

Blade delivery route – Western connector



They propose to plant fast growing native vegetation in close proximity to our house, downhill from the dwelling, which will increase our bush fire risk and block out the rest of the views.

The only views we have available.

Table 11 | Visual Impact Assessment – Nundle Crawney Valley Cluster

Receiver	Turbine(s) and distance within black line (km)	VIZ	Department/OHD assessment – aligns with visual performance objective?			Recommended Mitigation
			Visual Magnitude	Multiple wind turbine	Landscape scenic integrity/ Key feature disruption	
NAD 05	T59 (1.78), T58 (1.81), T60 (1.87), T63 (1.91), T61 (2.05), T62 (2.06), T57 (2.27), T56 (2.51), T64 (2.64), T55 (2.97), T65 (3.08), T54 (3.22), T66 (3.29)	VIZ 1	No – T59 to T63 in close proximity and unscreened. T58, although closer, is screened by vegetation.	Yes	No, T59 to T63 would be major elements.	Delete T59 to T63
NAD 21	None – nearest is T2 (3.37)	VIZ 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vegetation screening
NAD 22	None – nearest is T6 (4.44)	VIZ 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vegetation screening
NAD 34 (DAG)	None – nearest is T2 (5.94)	VIZ 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
NAD 66	None – nearest is T63 (3.60)	VIZ 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vegetation screening
DAD 03	T63 (2.82), T62 (3.27)	VIZ 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Vegetation screening
NAD 33	None – nearest is T63 (5.51)	VIZ 2	Yes	No, 3 sectors	No, turbines dominate the landscape	Vegetation screening, however, deleting turbines to address DAD01, NAD05, NAD67, NAD72 and NAD98 also benefits