

Hills of Gold – WIND FARM SUBMISSION

I am a young individual living in Nundle and therefore believe this may have an impact on me in the future. Personally, I believe this will be a positive opportunity for the town's publicity whereby it will be known for more than "just a pretty face". However, I am absolutely disgusted in the behaviour of older generations of individuals who propose an objection to the Wind Farm; they're supposed to be mentors & role models for the youth of this community.

I have no problem with disagreement towards the project - it's a really "out-there" change for the community and am able to understand citizens' anxiety towards it.

I am embarrassed to say I come from here, especially when at work. If a stranger mentions the wind farm in conversation they generally begin by telling me about how everyone in Nundle is fighting over the project (seems to be the only thing it's known for now). Ironically, these particular older individuals names will be mentioned to me in the conversation and the stranger will tell me how callous their behaviour towards this project & other community members surrounding it is. When they leave I feel ashamed and also for the small business I work at. Whenever the wind farm is mentioned I have to cringe & embrace myself for what comes next.

It shouldn't be this way; grown adults physically fighting & spitting on each other, acting like feral day-care children.

I am also disappointed that they have made an attempt to indoctrinate the younger generations with their behaviour & beliefs. After going to school & catching the bus with most of the youth here, I know many of them would not be able to properly comprehend some of the "information" & objections surrounding the wind farm; they're just too young. When I used to catch the bus, quite often there would be conversations (heated) on the bus because the children of these particular individuals would start yelling and trying to fight the other kids who thought the turbines would be a good idea - a case of "monkey-see monkey-do". It disappointed me as a teenager to see this behaviour in my peers because I knew it was coming from their homes. As parents they are expected to be role models and this is the example that has been set for them.

I was still in school and have graduated the entire time the fight over this project has been going on - and have been in the adult world now for almost 5 years. These people are still acting out with the same childish mannerisms. It would be nice to have a meeting just for the youth of Nundle - find out what they're real opinions as an independent individual are - without the influence of parents.

I refuse to go to the community meetings because I don't want to surround myself with such negative energies & behaviours of these loathesome individuals; I've heard enough tantrum-throwing, spitting-on-each-other, threatening to shoot others, stories which have occurred over the

time this project has been proposed. As a young person I enjoyed growing up here but I am now soured at the thoughts of possibly raising my own children here because all Nundle is ever known for now is the fighting over the wind farm.

Fighting over the Wind Farm is all I ever hear when Nundle is mentioned - no wonder I'm ashamed. I avoid telling people where I come from unless they ask. The topic of the wind farm in discussion is something I heavily avoid because I am so fed up with hearing about it. Quite frankly, I couldn't give a rat's as to whether or not the wind farm goes ahead but if it does I'd really want it to be a positive change for the community of Nundle. I just want peace & prosperity for our town. It is individuals' own self-hatred that has made a joke of our community and led them to lash out with such vengeful actions. At first, I was shocked by their behaviour - now I'm just disappointed and not surprised about the next story of whoever's acted out this week about the wind farm.

I am not the type to cuss out groups of people or particular individuals just because I don't like them. I want to make this statement because I genuinely fear for the public image of Nundle & our youth who have to grow up here and see the whole thing through. I want to make it clear that Youth of today are already dealing with many mental health complications, education and struggling to find employment opportunities. Do we really want to be driving them out of our beautiful town to seek jobs elsewhere? Do we really want to drive them away because they believe the stresses of dealing with this town's hatred towards particular groups is part of the reason they're anxious or depressed? Why can't Nundle be a safe-place for the youth to retreat to? I don't think many of these hateful individuals see that. Self-hatred can make you lash out and do some pretty crazy things but it can also make you very selfish. Trust me, I know.

The self-image of these individuals reflects back onto their kids too - on the bus, at school, on excursions - anywhere they may travel. The exact same way I am indirectly copping backlash from their distasteful behaviour at work - and I have got no relation or had any association to them whatsoever in my entire life. I am disgusted, disappointed and concerned for our younger generations in the town. I hope there will be a time where we can all get along. The backlash of the wind farm really pains me when all I want is peace & prosperity for the community to grow and flourish. No hate to anyone, I'm just really let down that community spirit & teamwork have fizzled out completely. Thank you for this opportunity of letting me share my thoughts, good luck with your project. :)