

To the IPC Commission

Hills of Gold Wind Farm

My name is Jim Robinson and I am the owner of the land where the wind farm is proposed. I have lived here for 35 years and I would be very proud to say that my property could host a wind farm and supply power to around 750,000 people.

I sat in the IPC community meeting in Nundle for 2 days and I can understand how some people feel, but I thought it was a shame that some people made up stories to try and prevent this project from happening.

A resident from the Timor side showed slides of landslips and also a flooded creek flowing into the Issis River. Our boundary runs from Ben Halls Gap National Park right thru to Crawney National Park.

There is not one location water can run to the south. Every drop of water from our property runs to the Peel River. It is not possible to run uphill over to the Timor side.

As far as landslips, the lower country consists of black soil and after 3 years of rain we did get small landslips. The top country is Red basalt soil which has never had a landslip in the 35 years that we have lived here.

HOGPI'S soil expert presented very good slides and I enjoyed his talk. He held up a bag of soil and said this is the type of soil at this location. Poor quality soil. He then held up a jar with water and soil and shook it up and said "this is what happens when it rains".

After the meeting was over, I approached him and I asked him at what stage had he been to my property and his response was that he has never been there. I then asked him "Where did you get your soil sample from then" and he replied "from Curlewis area", this area is more than 100km's away. I then asked him "how can you stand up in front of all these people here and say this is the soils they will be working with". No response.

A few months after the first meeting in Nundle, I was driving out thru my property and I came across 2 people from HOGPI standing on my land. When I asked them what they were doing there, she replied marking out for a cabin. I then rang the owner of the land and asked them who gave them the right to be on my property. She replied that they had no right to be there.

A DA was lodged on this land but council rejected the DA application for multiple reasons, but they then paid a private certifier to get it approved. It is sad to think that people can put in a DA application in after a project is announced and stop a project that will benefit thousands of people.

In the future, why would me or anyone else lodge a DA application with the Tamworth Regional Council when you can just pay a private certifier to get you DA approved.

If the Tamworth Regional Council are so much against the wind farm and if it goes ahead, I believe the money should be given to the local villages affected by the wind farm and Lindsay's Gap Road should become a State Government Road.

Also, people have purchased properties in the area over the last few years knowing that there is a wind farm proposal here.

I strongly support The Hills Of Gold Wind farm.

Jim Robinson