

## Objection

74,000 years ago the great Gamilaraay Nation settled in NW NSW. Their graves and burial grounds remain to this day as far as the eye can see within this sacred land.

The unique historic town of Nundle nestles in the quiet hills.

Gamilaraay guardians and custodians of the land watch, unseen spiritual sentinels of the silent and mysterious spirit-haunted hills.

We feel we were “brought” to Nundle, to this superbly quiet, extraordinarily friendly place and the vast open skies luring amateur astronomer like us among many thousands seeking to praise the night skies and the sheer magnificence of the pristine hills in the absolute silence.

We have travelled the world many times and seen wonderful things but agree there’s nowhere like Nundle.

### ***Tourists call Nundle paradise, we call it home.***

The Tamworth Regional Astronomy and Science Centre is a 56 Km. drive from Nundle and welcomes new members to their club, social evenings are also for learning and we return to Nundle in an other-worldly ,inspired state to read the sparkling heavens.

The silence and darkness of night, Nundle with its absence of noise and light is splendid for stargazing. The great glittering arc of the Milky Way, *Badurru*, in Gamilaraay language, over the darks hills stuns the human mind into awed silence.

Nundle is the perfect base for generations of many thousands of visiting astronomers from all over the world.

Throngs of annual visitors descend on Nundle drawn here by the atmosphere of this little town amidst glorious hills, known for over 100 years as the Hills of Gold, they wander at will *safely. The children are safe,*

There are no outside threats.

Nundle offers life “as it used to be”, yet hosts thousands of visitors many of whom simply need to seek solace from the stresses and cacophony of today’s world. Tourism business is brisk and Nundle’s shops make a profit which keeps business owners happy.

The annual profit raised by all year round visiting astronomers is guaranteed to boost Nundle’s annual business income for decades into the far future. The business community and the Tamworth Council and the mayor are solid supporters of Nundle’s Dark Sky International application to benefit Nundle and the whole area.

Peace and serenity reigns as one gazes directly at billions of stars forming star systems the old tribes here knew by heart and taught their descendants to read the heavens; the famous emu and systems of *Badurru*. The nighttime blackness of Nundle is essential for

clear viewing, no light pollution or flashing lights in the sky to interrupt the working telescopes and binoculars.

Nundle is to be a Dark Sky International destination, bringing generations of amateur astronomers and tourists with their long-time love for Nundle guaranteeing year long business for decades to come, For Nundle, 'Tidy Town' winner, with its important tourism business is integral to the New England region.

The lush hilly forests are home to billions of animals, birds, bats and species of plants and lifeforms believed long extinct.

The hills keep their secrets, their vibrance, in this spirit haunted landscape living quietly with the animals, birds, unique trees and plants and the grandeur of the beloved pristine lands we so deeply revere.

We are a living planet, every living things has a right to be here, not obliterated in the scramble for shareholder profit.

King Charles III, head of the Commonwealth, of which Australia is a major part would most definitely agree.

The magical hills of Nundle are under a terrible threat: The blasting of the hillsides and hilltops, to be filled with cement, annihilating all life in its path is planned.

Unconscionable, *unimaginable* destruction turning the exquisite living hills into **the hills of death.**

None of us wants or need wind turbines, already and old technology blighting this world.

We are here in Nundle, Hanging Rock and Northwest NSW to escape the high-tech prison Earth has become, to live happily and quietly with our neighbours of all lifeforms in this earthly sanctuary of Nundle.

The beloved sacred hills with graves of the ancestors in the living soil gives refuge to people and wildlife.

**But:** The Spirit of Evil moves across this planet seeking to destroy innocence and goodness and the purity of life. The contagion can be combatted by any individual who can realise the alarming disruption to things temporal and spiritual.

As an overwhelming majority have shown again and again, the protective measures to safeguard the Nundle Hills are at the forefront of our daily lives, a situation city people cannot possibly fathom.

Nundle people are direct, live in harmonious partnership with the surrounding energies of the hills and we virulently repel all suggestion of invasion. You have to live here to understand, then you'll never want to leave.