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Subject: Re submission Hills of Gold Wind farm
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Please find below a submission for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm.

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This submission is to be registered as an (objection) to the application by the applicant.

Do not post the submitters name.

To whom it may concern,

Clarification is needed on road classification.

The Applicant is non compliant for noise on Barry Road and Morrisons Gap road.

Series of posts about what the Applicant was supposed to address.

Noise and Vibration – the EIS must:

- a) assess wind turbine noise in accordance with the NSW Wind Energy: Noise Assessment Bulletin (EPA/DPE, 2016);
- b) assess noise generated by ancillary infrastructure in accordance with the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017);
- c) assess construction noise under the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009);
- d) assess traffic noise under the NSW Road Noise Policy (DECCW, 2011); and
- e) assess vibration under the Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline (DECC, 2006);

Prior to the November 2022 project amendment the main OSOM route was proposed to be going through Hanging Rock.

The Applicant identified 11 affected houses along the route within 20 meters from the road and failed to identify additional 12 houses.

They also claimed that the roads are classified as sub-arterial (60 db noise limit) to comply with traffic noise. These roads are LOCAL.

Following November 2022 Amendment the OSOM route changed to Jenkins st/Crawney rd.

They NEVER did additional assessments to identify all the impacted houses along this new route.

Please remove Barry Road/ Morrisons Gap Road from the heavy transport route options.

Oakenville Creek bridge was never included in assessments, we don't know if it's wide

enough or can take the loads.

No mention in the application of how traffic will be addressed in regards to Devils Elbow, slow heavy transport going up (not down like logging trucks), transport noise in HR village, Sheba Dams tourism spot, narrow Morrisons Gap Road.

Another Series of points that the Applicant was supposed to address:

In particular:

“... all infrastructure and facilities, such as substations, transmission lines, construction compounds, concrete batching plants, internal access roads, and road upgrades”

The EIS must address the following specific matters for both the wind farm and associated infrastructure.

Landscape and Visual – the EIS must include a detailed assessment of the visual impacts of all components of the project (including turbines, transmission lines, substations, and any other ancillary infrastructure) in accordance with the Wind Energy: Visual Assessment Bulletin (DPE, 2016)

NO PHOTOMONTAGE were supplied for the primary location (Wombrumurra mountain) of the substation and associated complex (BESS (huge battery bank), large work shed, car park, concrete batching plant, night lighting of the complex. Visible from Hanging Rock lookout and everywhere else.

NO VISUALS of the same complex were supplied at the second (optional) location on Governor’s shelf at the western end of the project. Visible from Crawney Road and certain dwellings.

NO VISUALS of the Transverse Track on the face of the Wombrumurra mountain, including large cuts and concrete or rock batters. Visible from everywhere driving into Nundle.

NO VISUALS of the Western Connector road from Crawney Road (access Option B) to the development corridor on the ridge.

NO VISUALS for the proposed private road bypass behind Peel Inn at the entrance to the township (although it was provided for the now discarded Devils Elbow bypass).

NO VISUALS for the proposed construction vehicles car park in Nundle.

Back in 2018 the applicant was issued SEARS, which is a guideline on what is needed to be included in their Development Application.

SEARS stated:

“ The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the development must comply with the requirements in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

In particular, the EIS must include:

...the reasons why the development should be approved having regard to - the suitability

of the site with respect to potential land use conflicts with existing and future surrounding land uses, including rural villages, rural dwellings, subdivisions, land of high scenic value, conservation areas (including National Parks / Reserves), strategic agricultural land, state forests, mineral resources, triangulation stations, tourism facilities, existing or proposed wind farms, and the capacity of the existing electricity transmission network to accommodate the development...”

Our family has never been impressed with the applicant, from the very beginning. Considering the size of this foreign national company you would think that they would have better tools to accurately illustrate back to community the visual and auditory impacts of this industrial project.

Further more, industrial renewable energy project applicants should not be allowed to engage potential land holders of the project before proper community engagement.

Gagging community members with NDA's before community has been properly engaged takes those community members out of the conversation and contributes to community division, not decision.