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I oppose this project Hills of Gold SSD-9679

I am sending this email as I am a resident of Hanging Rock that will be directly affected by this project and I believe my submission via the website failed to go through.

I discovered Hanging Rock and Nundle back in 2008. It was such a beautiful place and filled me with so much joy to visit and escape the stress of my job. The road we lived on had also become one of the busiest roads in Newcastle. Every day and night all we heard was noise, trucks, cars, bikes, sirens it was never ending. Escaping to Hanging Rock was perfect to recharge our batteries !

After a few years of staying with relatives we purchased our own little piece of this paradise at Hanging Rock and regularly came up to reset our minds which was so good for our mental health and wellbeing. We relished in the peace and quiet. In 2020 after COVID struck we made the decision to sell up and purchase our forever home at Hanging Rock as we both enjoyed the peace and tranquillity of living in such a beautiful place.

We had heard about the windfarm and even though I am not against renewable energy I truly believe that the impact to the environment and beauty of the Hills of Gold including the wildlife that this is 100% the wrong location.

Our roads are not capable of coping with the increased volume of heavy vehicles and machinery and the vehicles of the people employed during construction. For three years we have had to drive over an extremely tough detour due to the sinkhole on Barry Rd caused by mines under the road. This seems to have been placed in the too hard basket to repair.

We recently witnessed the impact on another quiet country road near Mudgee with hundreds of vehicles and trucks heading out each day and back for construction of a solar farm. The thought of this happening out the front of our home fills me with dread. We moved to Hanging Rock for our own mental health due to so much noise and the constant drone of trucks all day and night in Newcastle, and now we're supposed to do the same here.

Our wildlife will be severely impacted, more wallabies roos and wombats will probably be killed and injured. Our beautiful black cockatoos already have to deal with their forests being cut down will also be impacted as well the koalas that although they're not seen often are definitely in the area as we have ourselves witnessed.

The community has been divided by this project. People have been abused by others in regards to it. Only one family will benefit from the amount of money Engie throw around the place. Engie have not been truthful in regards to so many aspects of this project. They offered people money and when it was accepted they were deemed to be in support of the windfarm. I know of someone who when they realised they had been duped into taking the

money tried to return it only to be told they couldn't.

I implore the NSW Government Independent Planning Commission to not approve this project. It is not the right location !

Yours faithfully

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