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To: Hills of Gold Wind Farm IPC
From: Nundle Woollen Mill ([REDACTED])

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Nick Bradford, I am the owner of Nundle Woollen Mill with my wife Kylie Bradford. This submission is on behalf of Nundle Woollen Mill.

Nundle Woollen Mill attracts more than 30,000 visitors annually, the business is one of a number of key attractions for visitors to the area. Hence, it is very surprising that no one from Engie has visited our place of business to speak with us as owners. Nundle Woollen Mill is located at 35 Oakenville St, Nundle, it is located on one of the two main access routes to Hanging Rock. Traffic travelling past our car park driveway will have a direct impact on the ability of visitors enter and exit in a safe manner. There has been no discussion with us or nearby businesses in regard to parking restrictions, if any, being placed on Oakenville St during the two year construction period. Engie has prided itself on its ability to engage with the community, I am not sure how not engaging at all can be measured.

In late October 2019, a deliberately lit fire spread in the Hanging Rock Pine plantation, it burnt for almost 10 weeks due to the difficulty in accessing the steep parts of the area. This fire had a major impact on visitors to the area. The grey nomad caravan rumour mill was in full swing, eventually the news was "don't go to Nundle, Nundle is on fire". In actual fact Nundle was never in danger, there was a lot of smoke but access was clear. Visitors to Nundle Woollen Mill plummeted, people simply stopped coming. We anticipate a similar situation during the two years of construction, news will get out that you shouldn't go to Nundle as you will be caught behind a turbine blade. While this type of delay may be limited (we simply don't know), we anticipate lower visitor numbers meaning lower sales. We rely on visitors walking through our door.

A representative of Someva suggested that we should support the wind farm because it will increase tourism. This is absolute rubbish. In 10 years time when every hill across the country has a wind turbine on it, no one will be interested in looking at a wind farm. However, visitors will keep coming back time and time again for the natural unspoilt beauty of Nundle, Hanging Rock, Crawney & Timor.

We do not support this project, we hope the IPC will reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely
Nick & Kylie Bradford