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Subject: Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project (SSD 9679)
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Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent email and I fall into the category of one who had made a submission but not received a response confirming receipt by you. Whilst I did not keep a copy please see my submission below:-

'My wife and I lived in Nundle for nearly 20 years and we have owned rural (22,000 acres) and commercial property at various stages since 1981 with the last property having just been sold. When we lived there we took it upon ourselves to make 'a small country town sustainable' which we achieved by introducing or influencing such businesses as the Nundle Woollen Mill, Jenkins Street Guest House, the supermarket, the caravan park, the café, the Hills of Gold Motel and many others. We were encouraged to embark on this mission when it was brought to our attention that the local primary school was about to lose a teacher if it's numbers dropped below 36 pupils. By the time we had finished the number of pupils who grown to 64 and extra teachers engaged.

The only way we could turn it around was by creating employment in the village and this is why the Hills of Gold Wind Farm is so critical to the ongoing sustainability of the small village where we understand numbers at the school have dwindled to something less than 30. The jobs created by the Wind Farm and the families which will come to Nundle will make a big difference not only to school numbers but will underwrite the continuation and success of tourism and all businesses in the village. Most of which have not recovered since Covid.

Since the Wind Farm was first proposed the number of turbines has been reduced from something like 90 to I think 46 and the smaller number are not visible from the village. To be quite honest I think this is far too great a reduction to the number of turbines and the more that can be installed the better off landowners and the community in general will be.

Of course the Wind Farm is helping our nation to increase renewables and reach the targets set by government'

Regards

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