

Submission on the proposed Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project.

I support the proposed Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project.

I support this project for many reasons including the necessity to produce more energy from renewable sources so that green house gas emissions are reduced. Green house gas emissions cause and exacerbate the adverse effects of Climate Change which are already impacting our community and the rest of the world.

This project is sited close to the existing 330V TransGrid Liddell to Tamworth overhead transmission line network. A short transmission line from an energy project to an existing transmission line means fewer landholders are impacted. I am aware that some landholders are happy to host and receive payment for transmission lines which help drought proof their enterprises while other landholders are not.

It is said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and I and many others find wind turbines really beautiful functional sculptures which enhance the landscape. I have seen wind farms in Australia and overseas and always find them beautiful. The sight of wind turbines on the snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountains in Spain was magnificent and this was felt by the huge crowd at a lookout in Granada. The existence of these turbines have not reduced the number of tourists . Wind farms were visible and accepted all over Europe .

There was no shortage of tourists on Wilsons Promontory where wind farms were sited. The cattle were grazing undisturbed under the turbines in this site.

The presence of this project will only enhance tourists' interest in Nundle.

It is disturbing to read of one problematic imaginative objection by a neighbour of the project which resulted in the deletion of 11 turbines from the project. This information is included in the article The “phantom” dwellings that could be project killers for wind farms .

<https://reneweconomy.com.au/the-phantom-dwellings-that-could-be-project-killers-for-wind-farms/>

This project is essential.

