

# Unsuitable Location Unacceptable Risk

Western/Southern Project Area  
Great Dividing Range

Independent Planning Commission  
Hills of Gold Wind Farm (HOG Wind Farm)

February 2024

Acceptable Risk -

Ideal Wind Farm

Flat historically cleared Land



DPE Assessment Report HOG Farm

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Unacceptable Risk -

Great Dividing Range

Mountainous Pristine Environment



GDR - HOG WFarm proposal

# Has the NSW Government now backflipped on protection of the Peel and Isis River Headwaters and the Great Dividing Range BioDiversity? What has changed in 5 years?

## Crawney National Park Management Plan 2019

### 1.2 Statement of significance

Crawney Pass National Park is significant because of its natural and cultural values.

#### Landscape and catchment values

The park encompasses an area of steep topography and terraced landscape with scenic values typical of the Liverpool Range. It protects the headwaters of the Isis and Peel rivers. The park is part of a regional corridor providing habitat connectivity along the Liverpool Range and is also located within the broader Great Eastern Ranges Initiative conservation corridor.

#### Biological values

The park protects habitat for 13 threatened native animal species and three plant species of conservation significance. Of particular significance is a population of Booroolong frog recorded in the park. This frog has experienced massive population declines in parts of its range and is now highly restricted within New South Wales.



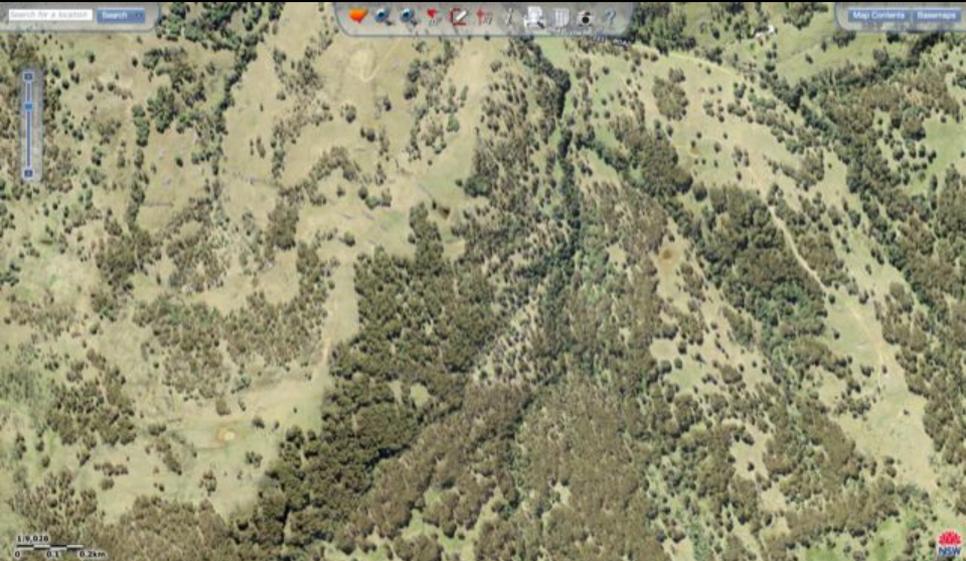
Hills of Gold Proposal Directly  
Contradicts this.....

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**ENVIRONMENT**

# Sample of the Clearing by the Major Landholder prior to EIS being published

Before (Six Maps 2017)



After Google Maps (Winter 2020)



Tamworth LLS approved "Agricultural" clearing in 2020  
HOG farm Project Area (WTG21&22)



186. The Department is aware that land clearing has occurred on the project site prior to any approval of vegetation clearing under this development application. The Department acknowledges that some of this clearing has occurred with approval under the *Local Land Services Act 2013* (LLS Act), and some areas had been cleared without prior approval and a Biodiversity Conservation Order has been issued for these areas. The Department notes that these cleared areas have been included in the calculation of the offset credit liability for the project.

**195. Biodiversity impacts must be offset prior to the Applicant carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact biodiversity values requiring offset in accordance with the requirements of NSW Biodiversity Offset Scheme.**

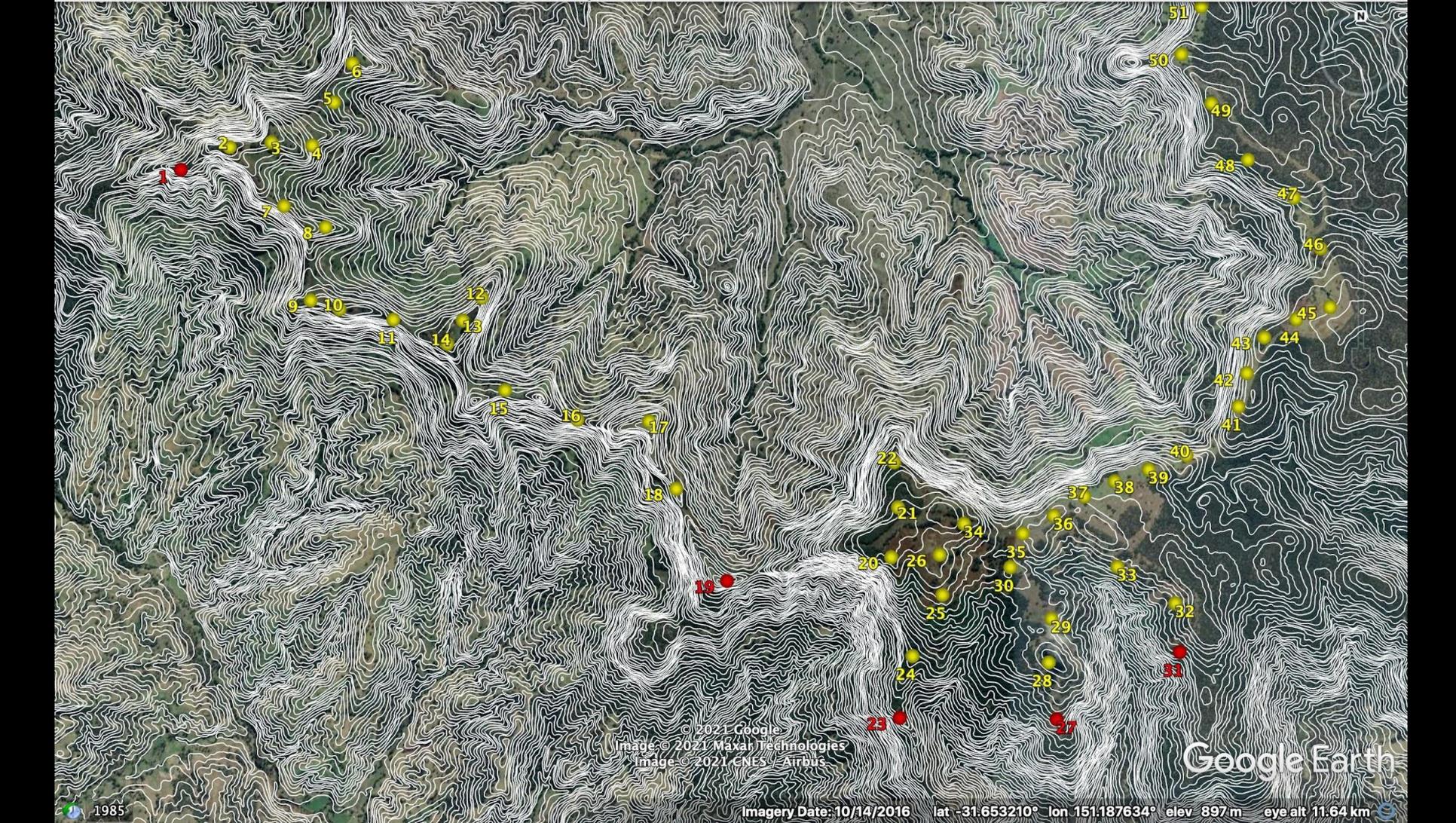
196. Turbines 24 and 28 are proposed within highly vegetated areas, including areas of Ribbon Gum - Mountain Gum - Snow Gum TEC in moderate to good condition. The deletion of these turbines would achieve further avoidance of this TEC (3.53 ha). This would also provide additional benefit by removing turbines that pose a moderate impact risk of blade strike to avifauna, further reducing the potential for impact.

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**SOILS AND WATER**

# Eyrie Cave , Timor / Crawney discovered late 2021



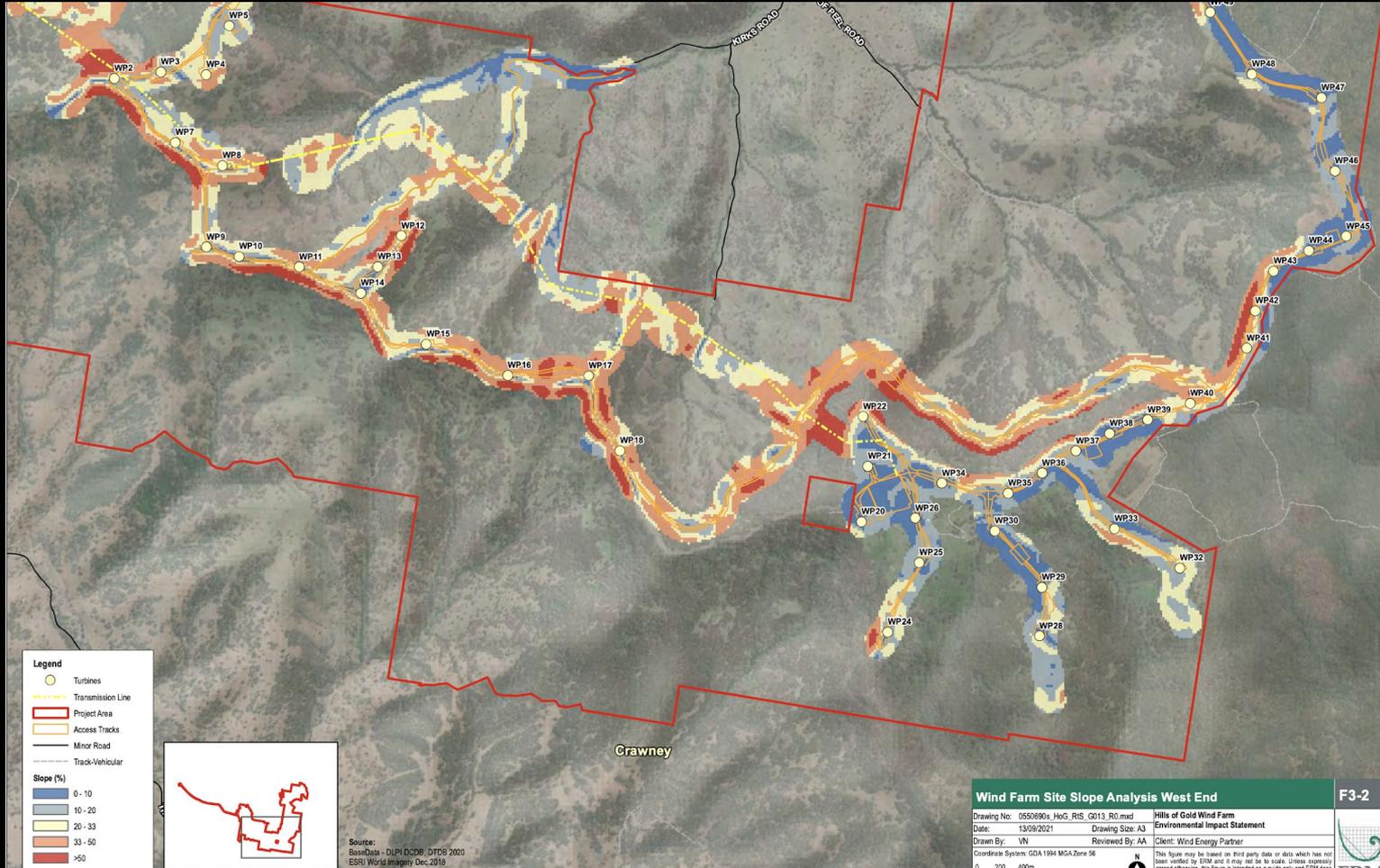


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Google Earth

# Steep Slopes (>50%) (Red) in to the Isis Catchment beneath the Wind Farm Project Area

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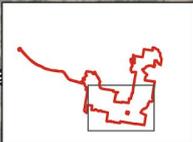


**Legend**

- Turbines
- Transmission Line
- Project Area
- Access Tracks
- Minor Road
- Track-Vehicular

**Slope (%)**

- 0 - 10
- 10 - 20
- 20 - 33
- 33 - 50
- >50



Source: SourceData - DLPI/DCDR - DTDS 2020  
ESRI World Imagery Dec. 2018

| Wind Farm Site Slope Analysis West End   |  | F3-2 |
|--|--|------|
| Drawing No: 0550690s_HoG_RIS_G013_R0.mxd | Client: Hills of Gold Wind Farm  |      |
| Date: 13/09/2021                         | Environmental Impact Statement   |      |
| Drawn By: VN                             | Client: Wind Energy Partner  |      |
| Reviewed By: AA                          |  |      |
| Coordinate System: GDA 1984 MGA Zone 56  | <small>This figure may be based on third party data or data which has not been verified by ERM and it may not be to scale. Unless expressly agreed otherwise, this figure is intended as a guide only and ERM does not warrant its accuracy.</small> |      |
| 0 200 400m                               |  |      |

Water and Soils Assessments use incorrect Rainfall Data and does not account for snow



Crawney Mountain snowfall, June 2021



Hanging Rock snowfall, June 2021



2020 rainfall event demonstrating the volume and velocity of runoff on a property neighbouring the Project Area.



Silt from Perry's Creek entering the Isis River  
19<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

# Landslides

Southern side of the range

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