

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to object to the proposed Hills of Gold wind farm.

My family and I live on and run a large property. Our residence despite being on the same property as NAD 80 has never been assessed by the proponent. The outlook from our residence will be hugely visually impacted. There have been no photo montages/visual assessments done on the property. We have had no contact at all from the proponent completely failing in their obligation to thoroughly consult with the local community. The visual impact the proposal will have on our daily life is unacceptable, we love our view, our dark night skies, having to look at the turbines during the day and the red lights at night would be intolerable.

The entrance to our home is via Nundle Road, which happens to be situated where every vehicle will go past during construction. My children catch the local school bus at our front gate and will continue to do so for the next 12-15 years, no risk assessment has been completed to consider the safety of local road users. The sheer number of extra vehicles travelling the road will create problems for all of us whilst we are going about daily life. Our property has boundaries with three of the roads planned for one of the transport routes and the negative effects that this will have include unacceptable noise levels to all the residences on the property. Potential damage, by heavy loads and over size trucks, to the Peel River system and ground water systems on which we rely on for water to the entire property. The dust and weed transfer by vehicles travelling along Crawney Road will affect the water quality in the river.

The planning is completely inadequate and in parts has not been done at all, despite being in the planning for six years there is still no legal access to the site, therefore the project cannot be approved. It has now come to light that differing guidelines are now being used being used to justify the reinstatement of 15 turbines originally removed due to non-compliance. Illegal land clearing to assist in the project has been carried out and is now under investigation.

Destroying pristine native bushland to construct the project would be an absolute disaster. Koalas have officially now become an endangered species so clearing over 45Ha of koala habitat is unthinkable and the project should be rejected just on that basis.

The project has completely overlooked environmental and social issues and has caused great division in our small town. The majority of people in the area are opposed to the project and feel the town has been misled by a large company intent on getting their project over the line by any way they see fit.

I ask that the IPC please reject this project.

I give permission for this submission to be emailed on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

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