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To whom it may concern,
Please find my submission stating my concerns and reasons for opposing the Hills of Gold Windfarm attached.

With Kind Regards,
Anika

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to comment on the new information from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

After reading the new information I strongly believe that the Independent Planning Commission should not be in the position of making a Determination considering the following reasons:

- The Applicant indicated that it needs to spend a further \$7m on further reports before committing to investment.

Surely these reports should have already been done before the EIS, before the Department recommendation, and before the IPC makes such an important decision impacting the ecosystem and the lives of local residents.

- The Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Energy Transition advice does not definitively state that a 62-turbine scenario is viable. At best it states that a 62-turbine scenario is marginal to unviable.

- It is farcical that the Department is switching between 2016 and 2023 Draft Guidelines to recommend approval of a 62-turbine Hills of Gold Wind Farm, using Voluntary Land Acquisition as mitigation of last resort, when the developer is not even confident of its investment.

- I am concerned that the design of the Western Connector Rd and Transverse Track have not been exhibited for public comment and stakeholders do not know the environmental impacts.

- The Department talks about the 'community raising concerns about unauthorised clearing'. It is not transparent that the Department understands the extent of the unauthorised (!) clearing on the range and the importance of protecting the biodiversity that is left.

The IPC should not approve a renewables project that is partly proposed on unauthorised cleared land. It does not have social licence and is not a Public Benefit.

Yours faithfully,

Anika Heintze

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