

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept my objection to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm

As mentioned in previous submissions I am a business owner and operator in the Nundle State Forest, one of the proposed transport routes for the project will directly and negatively impact my business I have still had no communication from the proponent. The project does not have physical or legal access to the site to deliver the turbines.

Concerns regarding potential bush fires and the impossibility of aerial firefighting have not been addressed, this is of significant importance to the whole community.

The DPHI seems to have difficulty deciding which guidelines to follow. Wind Energy Draft guidelines from 2023 do not apply to the project but are being used.

The project has been shown to be commercially unviable if 15 of the 17 turbines the department recommended for removal are not reinstated, most of these turbines were removed as they were not compliant with noise and visual guidelines or to reduce environmental impacts. So how can these turbines be reinstated?

The acquisition of private land for mitigation purposes is extremely worrying, the applicant should have secured this land with a landowner agreement at the very beginning of the project as the property is of such importance to the project.

I therefore request that this project be rejected.

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

Yours sincerely

Brent McKay

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