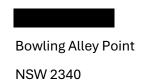
Hills of Gold wind farm (SSD-9679)



Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for allowing us to further oppose this project and granting a small but appreciated extension, we all are busy and lack massive amounts of spare/free time to continue battling but here we are again!

One reference is to the viability of the project. In late December 2023, the DPHI recommended the removal of 17 turbines due to unresolved issues being removed from the project, bringing the number down to 47 turbines thus making the whole project unviable. In the latest information, using different guidelines the DPHI are now recommending re-instating the 17 to allow viability. Surely only one set of guidelines should be in use. These turbines were removed for distinct reasons to reduce environmental impacts or violation of noise and visual guidelines. How can the goalposts change now?

None of our concerns from previous submissions have been dealt with successfully, most have not been acknowledged at all.

Delays by the applicant have been significant from the beginning and has taken its toll on residents, as mentioned above so many of us are spending substantial amounts of time researching, drafting reports etcetera and all in our spare time.

There are still approved development applications and dwelling entitlements that have been ignored. There are still local affected landholders that have not been approached by the proponents.

Voluntary land acquisition is being imposed on a neighbouring property; is unacceptable.

This project is not in the public interest and has never been.

I urge you to reject the Hills of Gold wind farm project.

Thank you taking time to read this.

Yours sincerely

Carol Fiddes