

Independent Planning Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

Our family continues to object to Hills of Gold Wind Farm based on the recommended 62-turbine layout and new information presented on the Independent Planning Commission website.

Our property will be potentially impacted by Noise from Transport on Crawney Rd and Transmission Line access via our neighbour's driveway and property. We will be impacted Visually by the location of wind turbines and wind farm infrastructure including the substation, BESS, Operations and Maintenance building and carpark.

The noise limit on Crawney Road, being a sub arterial road, is 60dB. What is the noise limit on our neighbour's private driveway between our house and Crawney Rd? Transport access for construction of the transmission line means there will be trucks revving, climbing up, and exhaust braking/gearing down our neighbour's steep driveway just metres from our house. What is the noise limit they are supposed to comply with? What if they are pumping out 70 dB? Who is going to do the monitoring? What happens if they don't comply and produce excessive noise? And dust? Is the burden of proving they don't comply on our shoulders and at our expense?

Why should our family have the inconvenience of safety concerns for our children, pets and agricultural livestock with Transport construction vehicles within metres of our house and boundary?

In the absence of any assessments and data showing predicted noise, or any conditions within the Draft Conditions of Consent that would ensure compliance, we propose the following:

The Hills of Gold Wind Farm is rejected

Or, the transmission line construction access in front of our house is removed from the project layout

Or, the following conditions are imposed:

Our boundary is surveyed and pegged out to ensure no trespass. There are two locations where trespass can occur, Access B off Crawney Rd and the tracks required for the construction of the transmission line. Please refer to our previous submission link:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2023/12/hills-of-gold-wind-farm/email-and-postal-public-submissions/community-submissions/danielle-douglas-submission-150224.pdf>

The Applicant identify the transport traffic compliant noise limit and for the duration of the transmission line construction activity the Applicant must have a noise logger installed near our house at their expense to ensure compliance. Additionally, dust suppression methods must be identified.

Our land is included in the Schedule of Lands in the Draft Conditions of Consent, but there is no Transport Agreement between our family and the Applicant.