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I have sent several submission on this topic. As such I don't plan to repeat my past submissions.

I would have thought that the evidence presented by over 70 people at the Independent Planning Commission meeting in Nundle on 1-2 Feb 2024. would have been more than sufficient to kill, bury and cremate the ridiculous plans of the proponent to develop a wind farm with 62 environmentally destructive and visually hideous wind turbines.

It appears that the NSW Department of planning is so seduced by the idea of wind farms "solving" the state's energy needs that they are prepared to support any poorly argued proposal irrespective of scientific, economic, aesthetic, ecological evidence against the proposal plus the overwhelming opposition of the affected community. All this in the interest of pursuing a totally flawed policy objective.

This process has been disrupting our community for six years. Most residents and most businesses in the area have decided, with support of Tamworth Regional Council and the Tamworth Astronomy Club to apply for international DarkSky status for the area between the Chaffey Dam and Timor. This will generate far more economic benefit to our area than a wind farm that only a small minority want. In fact the navigation lights generated by wind turbines would compromise the quality of the dark skies in our region. Astro tourism is one of the fastest growing sectors in Australian tourism and the Nundle area is likely to be the fifth region in Australia to have such status. Tourist would love to see our dark skies and not have them despoiled by any hideously ugly wind turbines vandalising the western ridge of the Great Divide, Our hills of gold, not yet another scenery destructive wind farm. I urge the Independent Planning Commission to kill, bury and cremate this ridiculous proposals and confine it to where it rightly belongs, the dustbin of dumb ideas.

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