

Independent Planning Commission 135 King Street Sydney NSW 2000

Via email: submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

To the Independent Planning Commission,

I write in relation to the proposed Hills of Gold Wind Farm development (Application Number SSD-9679).

This submission follows the Independent Planning Commission's reopening of public submissions due to new information from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

I note the department's updated advice regarding the project based on feedback from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Energy Transition. It should be noted that the department have amended their advice based on commercial viability, rather than the impact on the local community or the environment.

Therefore, it is timely to remind the Independent Planning Commission of my experience as the local member in relation to impacts on the community.

My office has received a significant volume of correspondence both for and against the project from the local community, which has all previously been forward to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

I have also conducted two surveys of the local community in relation to the project. These results of these surveys have also been lodged with the department. The results of my written survey in June 2022 indicates that 58.9% of respondents in the Nundle, Hanging Rock, Crawney and Bowling Alley Point areas oppose the project.

The angst the project has caused in the local community over a long period of time has been significant and this must be assessed alongside the commercial viability of the project.

Yours sincerely

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