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In response to the most recent Hills of Gold Wind Farm information, I have several concerns I wish to express. The first being around consultation with the local Indigenous stakeholders, whose perspective is paramount. Local Aboriginal Land Council representatives have stated that they will fund an independent culture and heritage study because they are not satisfied with the standard of the Applicant-funded study. Unless relevant Indigenous stakeholders are satisfied with the standard of the cultural and environmental studies of the impacts this proposal poses, the proposal should be deemed null and void.

The second concern that I have is related to heavy vehicle access to local roads. As a local Hanging Rock resident that commutes daily to Tamworth, the impact of heavy vehicle access to Barry Road for the duration of the project's construction period concerns me significantly. The amended Draft Development Consent continues to identify Barry Road through Hanging Rock as a potential route for all wind farm traffic, including large components and high number of B-double trucks. This road has also been misclassified as sub-arterial to allow the noise limit to be raised to 60 dB, as compared to 55 dB which would be otherwise applicable and EXCEEDED.

The recent Hills of Gold Wind Farm information continues to pose negative environment impact on the stability of existing ecology and biodiversity, holding the proposal as unviable.