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Yours Sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SDD-9679) Public Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on new information provided by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Applicant regarding Hills of Gold Wind Farm.

Many members of the Tamworth and District Branch of NSW Farmers' Association are impacted by the transition to renewables, including proposals for solar, wind, batteries and transmission lines.

At the 2024 NSWFA Annual Conference at the end of July, 19 of the 47 Environment Motions on the Agenda are related to renewables. Tamworth and District Branch of NSW Farmers Association approved the following motions to be presented to the Annual Conference:

1. NSWFA advocate for the state government to respect and uphold landholders' dwelling entitlements and approved development applications with regards to renewables assessment, which must comply with wind, solar and transmission visual impact and noise guidelines.

2. NSWFA endorses the recommendations of Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, Andrew Dyer's Review of Community Engagement practices.

It is concerning to read in the Department's Response to questions regarding Hills of Gold Wind Farm that Public Benefit is being given greater weight than landowners' dwelling entitlements, Approved development applications, AEIC recommendations and state 2016 and 2023 Draft Wind

Energy Guidelines.

The use of Voluntary Land Acquisition as mitigation of last resort has significant implications for NSW landowners neighbouring renewables developments.

Tamworth and District Branch of NSW Farmers Association requests that the Independent Planning Commission consider the incomplete EIS by the Applicant, as pointed out by Tamworth Regional Council, and subsequent inability to assess its viability, or whether it is a Public Benefit.

Yours Sincerely,

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Branch Secretary

On Behalf of Tamworth & District Branch of NSW Farmers Association