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Dear Commissioners,

Attached is my submission commenting on Additional Material for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm provided by DPHI at request of IPC.

Regards,

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## **Submission to IPC commenting on Additional Material for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9670) provided by DPHI at request of IPC**

### **Delays from Applicant**

It was pleasing to see the DPHI recognising the significant delays caused by Engie's tardy responses to requests for information. For over 5 years Engie has been making it up as they go, creating piecemeal plans, surely not the way to approach a major and complex project such as the Hills of Gold Wind Farm. These delays have taken their toll on the local community and reading between the lines the DPHI has also experienced similar frustrations and no doubt some stress. So here we are again, sitting at our computers, typing up yet another submission. When will it end?

### **HOGWF not viable with 47 turbines.**

DPHI now recommends it would be in the public interest to reinstate turbines 53 - 62 on the DAD01 property with ***strict conditions for the acquisition of this property***, as this is the only viable option for the wind farm to proceed. The Department didn't provide any detail as to what these ***strict conditions*** might be and needs to provide this information.

### **Decision making process**

The DPHI has stated that the applicant is now placing a burden on the decision maker to resolve various matters and stated there is no other energy project currently in the system where an applicant is forcing the burden of resolving matters onto the decision maker. This appears to be a rather unconventional situation?

### **Acquisition of DAD01 private property**

For around 6 years the Developers have been desperately trying to purchase this property from the previous and current owner. The property has a CDC approval and the Developers have long been in a running battle to have the CDC discredited, but to no avail. The owners of the property have made it quite clear from the outset that they do not wish to sell the property to the Developers so shouldn't the decision makers accept this and NOT RECOMMEND the project be approved?