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Dear IPC,

I note the reopening of submissions and comment for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposed for Nundle and Hanging Rock NSW- July 2024.

As a 25 year resident and BSC (environmental) I am reinforcing my opposition to the proposed project and continue to question the merits of the project, as well as the hasty recommendation to reinstate the dozen or so turbines which were rightly excluded from the first DPHI's response and adjudication/ recommendation earlier this year . I'm confident the IPC has carefully looked at the prior.

I would question the reintroduction of those turbines and further point out that the DPHI need your guidance to reject the proposed project immediately. A viable project this never was. Ninety eight turbines were proposed initially- why? Cut in half to forty seven or so - maybe worth a punt but still no ? Paste in some turbine locations and what do you know ?, it's maybe viable ?

This project proposed by Engie deserves to be rejected, if not only to point out to every developer who enters a vibrant and functioning community such as Nundle to actually do the work first: to prove viability, to prove attainable access, to prove ecological protection of rare flora and fauna assemblages and to prove major projects are a "win win" for the communities involved and also the local environment where such projects are proposed . The hyped up talk of public interest by the proponent is ill founded. We have an publically interesting environment in Nundle Hanging Rock Crawney Timor , a micro economy and locale unique to NSW and historically important Nationally .

How thorough was the new " evaluation of viability " when so many unknowns remain ? I questioned in my previous submission to the IPC the validity of information presented to the public at Nundle Memorial Hall and hereby wonder whether Engie and the DPHI aren't clutching at straws to present a viable project in terms of pure economy and political statement ?

The cost to local and regional residents are significant , and the long term prospect for a sustainable renewable condition for Australia surely does not ride on this project here !

Blowouts in engineering works to construct anything more than a farm track in this landscape can escalate very quickly. Steep unstable terrain, much like bridgework, is reliably variable !

I note the main host landholder fronted National

Television saying he doesn't care particularly whether the project is approved. The opposition to this project I assure you by local and persons far afield holds true. For good reasons previously stated the project needs to be put to rest once and for all.

I'm told in an admission by the French company that it will cost many millions of further research dollars to gain a clear picture moving forward . Perhaps they could save a dollar or two by reading Dr Chapman and Banks et al 2024 report on local soil and geoengineering for the area?, or for that matter Tamworth Regional Council's rejection documents alongside the Hills of Gold Preservatin Inc's well informed presentation. Fair Dinkum.

If any precedent is to be set here, it is "what not to do" in terms of proposing state significant projects . That is : do not endorse wild speculation, do not permit projects to proceed unless substantial information is ratified early and do not allow communities to be fractured by developers acting inappropriately . Deadlines for provision of stage important information should be strict and rock solid . No excuses !

Opposition to amendments and re calculations recently undertaken remain steadfast with me and my family. Too much time has been afforded to a marginal and sour project which was audaciously proposed more than 5 or 6 years ago. I endorse a "move on" attitude. There are way better places and methods to help with the emission reduction and energy production needs in NSW and Australia (indeed the world). Reject this one and

look forward to a better future for all .

Nundle

July 2024

Sent from my iPhone