

I continue to object to Hills of Gold Wind Farm and respond to the new information on the Independent Planning Commission website from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The largest contributor to my opposing stance against the turbine project proposed along the peaks of Nundle's horizon comes specifically from an environmental standpoint. The clearing of trees, bridging of waterways and general destruction and disruption of natural habitats provides a direct contradiction and element of hypocrisy against the entire point of constructing turbines in the first place. For example, in order to take the materials and machinery needed to construct the turbines up the mountain and hills, an entire new road would need to be cleared. This road would bridge waterways, the construction of such bridges disrupting creeks and streams at the same time. These bridges, on top of being environmentally disruptive, would be permanent and permanently damaging to waterways that run through the area in which the road will go through. This road will also require mass clearing just to create it in the first place, and on top of the massive amount of traffic that will use it during the construction of the turbines alone, will create disruption to the native flora and fauna that occupy the massive area that this road will cover.

On top of this, the disruption to Nundle as a locality would be massive. Parts of streets would have to close off parking, restricting ease and safety of access to the town post office, which would disrupt a major aspect of community life. The disturbance from traffic and noise pollution created by trucks, construction related traffic and specifically trucks carrying the turbines themselves would be significant. A new private road would need building behind The Peel Inn just for the sake of a project that the local majority opposed, which would also contribute to noise pollution, traffic disruption and disturb the community for an extended period due to the massive amount of work that the project would entail. The project is majorly unwanted, and the effects of the construction process upon the environment and community.

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