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To the IPC Panel.

Please find attached Submission of Objection for my business



I would also ask my name and address be Redacted to protect my privacy.

Kind regards

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OBJECTION – Nundle Business

Name: Address: Nundle NSW 2340

Dear IPC Panel.

I OBJECT to the DPHI's recommendation to re-instate 15 of the Turbines taken out that do not comply with noise or visual guidelines.

I OBJECT to the DPHI's recommendation for Turbines to be re-instated along the boundary of Ben Halls Nature Reserve, in an environmental sensitive area.

I OBJECT to the DPHI's recommendation to allow for voluntary acquisition of land from landholders.

If 2023 Guidelines are to be quoted or used, then my property NAD34 should be assessed further as it is under 6km from the nearest turbines.

As a business and property that relies on the health of the Wombrumurra Creek, our business has huge concerns that we believe have not yet been thoroughly addressed or alleviated.

The presentation by Soil Scientist during the IPC flagged warnings of soil erosion and water quality from sediment and phosphate creating blue green algae in bodies of water not flowing.

Over the last 17 years we have lived and rum our business it's known and seen the Wombrumurra Creek does stop flowing and we rely on the stagnant water for our stock.

We also rely on underground water flows for our bore for use in hospitality, personal use and stock use, the risks identified from soil erosion on high slopes and within a major water catchment area is still of great concern and the DPHI has yet to address this.

It is obvious that this site is unsuitable for a large-scale wind farm requiring huge amounts of land cut and fill, we have yet to see photo montages provided by ENGIE on what this would look like or costings on what internal cut and fill roads would cost.

If this project is now unviable without the turbines that do not pass visual or sound guidelines, do not pass environmental concerns of close proximity to Ben Halls Nature Reserve and threatened and endangered species, then the NSW Government and the people of NSW should not override our rights and guidelines so that one international company, who threatens legal action can financially benefit.

To place SSD infrastructure on unauthorised cleared land should also not be rewarded.

To take away NSW landholders rights to build their home should also not be forced upon landholders by the threats of legal action.

It has always been clear to the residents of Nundle, Hanging Rock, Timor and Crawney, as well as Tamworth Regional Council that the choice of location was never going to be a viable proposition.

If just one turbine or two turbines make the difference to the financial viability of this development then this surely should be a red flag to the IPC Panel that this project should not be approved and Rejection recommended.

With all the upcoming renewable projects coming into the NSW system, never has there been a better opportunity for the NSW Government and now the IPC Panel to address Site Suitability and now set the industry standards of what constitutes a good Wind Farm location, a viable Wind Farm Location and one that includes good community consultation and community acceptance.

In the end it is the IPC Panels responsibility to get this right, and we ask the ladies and gentlemen on the panel to look beyond corporate bullying and greed and make a recommendation based on the facts of this development and its flaws, a recommendation of Rejection.