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Subject: Submissions re-opened on additional material for Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) - Strong Objection
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Hello

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to confirm my strong objection to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm, including DPHI's latest Response (24 June 2024).

In support of my objection, I repeat and restate all the submissions/reasons raised in my submission dated February 2024. I have not repeated those submissions in this email, but my previous objections are to be incorporated and read as part of this objection.

In addition to my earlier submissions, I wish to raise the following further reasons why the proposed site must be deemed unsuitable for the proposed wind farm and why this wind farm project must be rejected once and for all:

1. The DPHI's latest Response (24 June 2024) decides to reinstate 15 turbines which they had previously assessed as non-compliant for visual, noise and environmental impacts. For the same reasons this was previously held not to be compliant, this significant amendment must be rejected. If this means the number of turbines at the windfarm makes the project unviable, this confirms the unsuitability of the site for this project and that should be the end of it. This does not entitle the DHSI/Minsiter to do (or permit) an about-turn and avoid proper process, by unfairly preferring commercial/financial interests over those of the local community and environment and wilfully (or deliberately) ignoring the reasons why this number of turbines has been determined to be non-compliant.
- 2). The DHSI are electing to leave the remaining 47 assessed under the in use guidelines (2016 Visual Assessment Bulletin). You cannot have such an inconsistent approach using different methodologies in the same development. As above, this demonstrates a lack of proper process and suggests the DHSI is exercising deliberate bias of Engie's interests against others, to achieve or manufacture an outcome that is preferential to Engie.
- 3) I reject DPHI's acquiescence to Engie allowing this private enterprise company to compulsorily acquire property DAD-01. DAD-01 has had an approved CDC for a dwelling prior to Engie submitting its initial EIS in 2020. Engie has knowingly put 10 turbines in non-compliant vicinity to this approved dwelling site, and continued to keep them there throughout all submissions since 2020. Engie knew they the owner of DAD01 rejected any neighbour agreement and they should have removed these turbines years ago. Once again, this demonstrates a lack of proper process and suggests a clear bias and conflict of interest by the DHSI preferring Engie's commercial interests to the interests of kther crucial stakeholders. If accepted, the DHSI may be held complicit in what may amount to corruption on Engie's part or DHSI/The Minister will at least be found to have disregarded their duties.
- 4) Engie is saying unless DPHI reinstate turbines to a 62 turbine wind farm they will be unviable, hence they should be allowed to compulsorily buy out DAD01 to ensure their financial viability. As above, the fact the project may not be commercially viable to a corporation such as Engie (a foreign corporation) must not take precedence in any decision-making process by DHSI/the Minister. To ignore the important issues that have

been raised by the local community and others regarding the unsuitability of this specific site (including the devastating effects this would have on endangered flora/fauna environments and risk of diminishing access to vital water sources for the local communities) would be a derelict failure in the exercise of the DHSI's/Minister's duties.

6) if accepted, the DPHI's decision to allow Voluntary Acquisition of land will set a dangerous precedent for NSW and Australia. At a time when our country is required to be acting smarter to protect our land, endangered environments and prepare for future generations, instead the DHSI will be creating a precedent which blatantly prefers the interests of private, multi national (and even foreign corporations) in development matters, over the interests of critical stakeholders - including those of the local communities and local endangered environments, whose safety and livelihoods depend on the DHSI/Minister hearing their voices and ensuring their interests are protected.

The accommodations which Engie has already been allowed to date are very concerning having regard to the DHSI/Minister's duties. It is incumbent on the relevant decision makers to follow proper process by considering the significant and very legitimate objections raised to date, and to reject the Project once and for all.

I am a big advocate for renewable energy developments/projects and building a clean Australia, but this proposed windfarm has been proven to be utterly unsuitable for the proposed site. Having regard to the important duties and responsibilities owed by all of the relevant decision makers, all relevant evidence must be taken into account and the financial interests of Engie cannot be preferred over those of others.

If proper legal process is followed and all relevant evidence is taken into account, the only possible outcome is that this proposed windfarm project must finally be rejected in its entirety once and all.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of the rejection of this project, so that the local communities and other relevant stakeholders can continue to care for the beautiful lands on and surrounding the proposed site without the unnecessary distraction this project has created.

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Date: 27 June 2024 at 12:15:13 PM AEST

Subject: Submissions re-opened on additional material for Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this email because our records show that you have previously

expressed an interest in the Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) project, either to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) or the Independent Planning Commission (Commission).

The Commission has reopened public submissions after receiving new information from the Department (including material from the Applicant).

Please refer to the Commission's [Statement](#) for information on the additional material received and how to make public submissions on this additional material.

Kind regards,

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