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I am opposed to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm project. Nundle is not in a REZ. Based on this the project should be rejected. The project is unviable and not in the public interest.

As a teacher at Nundle Public School I am very concerned about the impacts of heavy machinery on Lindsays Gap Road. This is already a treacherous road used daily by multiple logging trucks. More than one incident involving these trucks occurred in 2023. Some of my students use the schools bus that travels this route. The safety of our youngest and most vulnerable community members must not be compromised. Our already narrow, busy, poorly maintained country roads are not suitable for trucks of the scale needed to transport turbine parts. I propose that these trucks be prevented from using Lindsays Gap Road between the hours of 7 and 9 am and 3 to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

This project is not environmentally friendly in any way. The project's proximity to Ben Hall's Gap National Park is one of the many reasons it cannot be permitted to proceed. This a landscape of national significance and importance and the home to many endangered species. It also provides a corridor for already embattled native animals to travel from the interior to the coast. Hanging Rick is also a habitat for the endangered koala.

The soil at Hanging Rock has been tested and deemed to be completely inappropriate for large scale industrial activity. Clearing of hundreds of hectares of native bush will cause massive erosion and landslips. The project will be built along the ridge line of mountains, not hills, with no viable access route for the massive machinery to the site. The fact that there is no clear access route merely reinforces how unsuitable the planned site is. Engie itself has no clear idea about how to move these massive structures up incredible steep gradients in areas prone to both fire and landslides.

Lightning strikes cause frequent bushfires in the location of the proposed project and the inaccessibility of these places necessitates the use of aerial spraying. Fire - fighting vehicles on the ground cannot access these areas. The turbines will prevent planes and helicopters from reaching the bush and people's homes in bushfire events, endangering human lives and flora and fauna. Lightning strikes are common in these areas and can burn for weeks, particularly if conditions have been dry. The safety of community members must not be compromised.

My husband's family and my children belong to the local Kamilaroi nation and we have deep ties to the environment here. My sister-in-law is a respected Aboriginal artist who uses the flora found on this land in her award winning art. The foothills behind Nundle are the focus of her PHD. My son is a musician who incorporates recordings of the local native birds and other fauna in his music, and we are in the

process of building a recording studio on our farm (DAD03), a short distance from where turbines will be located. This general area is rich in Aboriginal artefacts and sacred sites, some of which have only recently been discovered and require further exploration. It is unconscionable to allow areas of such cultural significance to the local Aboriginal people to be plundered and destroyed. My children have grown up here and we feel a great connection to the land.

My family owns and farms land will be directly impacted by turbines 47-70. These need to be removed.

As Australia becomes increasingly more industrialised and urbanised, these pristine pieces of wilderness and quaint relics from our colonial goldmining past will increase in value and significance. As many members of the local community can attest to, people come from all around Australia to visit Nundle and its surrounds, as a place renowned for its natural beauty and charm. These places are disappearing, which is a national tragedy. As a result, Australians highly value the places that remain; these sanctuaries, these havens, these natural wonders.

This project has no social licence whatsoever. The majority of people in Nundle rejects this project. Tamworth Regional Council rejects this project. The science rejects this project. The project has caused terrible divisions in a formally harmonious place. Engie has frequently behaved in a duplicitous manner and lied to the citizens of this town. This project must not be allowed to proceed here in the Hills of Gold.

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