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Hills of Gold Wind Farm

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Application SSD-9679

**Re: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SDD-9679) Public Comment**

We wish to comment on the additional information provided by the Department of Planning.

1. Clearly this project is not viable given the gross underestimation of costs when trying to construct this type of project in such a challenging location. There are a number of other projects in approval phase in Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) that could supply the power at a far more reasonable cost.
2. The suggested Voluntary Land acquisition should not be allowed as this sets a precedent for all renewable projects in NSW and as significant rural landholders this threatens our livelihoods if foreign based companies are permitted to do this in Australia.
3. The reduction in offset of turbines from Ben Halls Nature reserve not only threatens a critically endangered ecological system but also increases the risk of catastrophic bush fires and impacts firefighting ability in these areas.
4. The reinstatement of turbines increases the visual aspect affecting many neighbouring properties and especially in relating to night lighting and disturbance of the Dark Skye that our area is known for.

Yours sincerely

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