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Hills of Gold Wind Farm

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Application Number SSD-9679

I wish to comment on the additional information provided to the Department of Planning and IPC by the proponent for the proposed

Hills of Gold wind Farm.

1. The economic viability studies have a large amount of potential costs not accounted for such as increased requirement for specialised engineering for a portion of the turbines due to the steepness of the site and the unstable nature of the ridgeline. Also the costs of the smart curtailment programs for bat and bird control and the affect they will have on electricity transmission.
2. The proposed Voluntary land acquisition of NAD 01 I am totally opposed to as it set a dangerous precedent that may affect many landholders living close to renewable energy projects. The proponent has had plenty of time to come to suitable agreements with neighbouring landholders and this demonstrates their poor quality of community engagement which is also reflected in the data provided by the proponent on quantity of meetings phone calls and emails it has had with non-associated landholders. The manner of engagement has divided the community which is not the type of behaviour we should see from a model proponent.

Yours Faithfully
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