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Subject: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679) Submission

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Hi there,

Please find attached, my personal submission regarding above.

Many thanks

RE: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am making this personal submission in strong support of the recent recommendation to the Commission made by the Independent Expert Advisory Panel to reinstate a number of previously deleted turbines from the windiest part of the above project along the ridgeline between Hanging Rock and Crawney, which would have made the total project unviable for the developer.

I am fully aware of the history of this project and am also very familiar with the location, additionally having attended a local meeting in 2023 and also viewed the on-line meetings at Nundle earlier this year (so I am familiar with all submissions and remarks made at that time). I did put in a support document for the original development proposal for the project. I also submitted a letter to the Tamworth City Council in 2019 objecting (along with 40 others) to the obvious "phantom" submission made by an adjoining landowner seeking local government approval to construct a small dwelling near the boundary of where proposed turbines would have been located and also negatively affecting another adjoining landowner.

I was very pleased that common sense reigned when the Council declined the request for the dwelling to be constructed in the proposed location. It was very obvious to most, that it was submitted with the sole purpose of having the wind farm submission declined or made unviable.

However, I was then extremely horrified when I found out some time later that a "private certifier" hired by the local anti-wind farm group, could have the authority override a legitimate council decision to decline the request (which was based upon totally legitimate grounds).

Finally, I would just like to reiterate that I fully support the restoration of 15 turbines (as per scenario 62 of the independent report) which would make this essential project viable once again and hopefully proceed with 62 turbines. We need projects like this which will support adjoining landholders as well as the local community.

Yours sincerely

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