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Hi IPC,

Please see below my submission.

Regards,

William Sylvester

13th July, 2024

Independent Planning Commission Suite 15.02, 135 King St Sydney NSW 2000 submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I wish to object to the revised conditions of consent and recommendations of the NSW Department of Planning regarding the Hills of Gold Wind Farm. The proponent has clearly missed multiple deadlines for their submissions, did not reveal its intentions re the viability of this project until questioned by the IPC commissioners at the public meeting February 2024 and has used its legal counsel to force a project onto a community where clearly it is proposed in the wrong location. Approval of this project has far reaching implications locally, regionally and Australia wide

The issues related to the most recent recommendations include.

- 1. Voluntary Land acquisition involving NAD 01. This takes away landholders rights especially those neighbouring renewable energy projects and in our situation, NAD33 the proponent stated very early in the project development phase we either come on board or it will be all around us and we will receive no benefit. Clearly this is what has happened. Our family have had multiple engagements with the proponent with no resolution. Our solicitors advised repeatedly the neighbour agreements expose our business and property to multiple unaddressed risks and are not signable. This is not the behaviour of a "model Proponent".
- 2. Allowing turbines to be sited closer to Ben Halls Nature Reserve is not only an ecological disaster but also has major bush fire implications and increases the risk of fires becoming uncontrollable if they cannot controlled before entering this area.
- 3. Cherry picking of guidelines from 2016 and 2023 instead of complying with the 2016 as indicated previously by the Department of Planning.

The independent Planning Commission should reject this project.

Yours Sincerely William Sylvester

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