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Hello, I completed a submission on Sunday 11th February against the Hills Of Gold Windfarm at Nundle, I did not receive any confirmation and cannot see it on the list of submissions.

Please find my submission below. I do not wish my name and address to be published publicly.

Name: address

I am a resident of Hanging Rock that will be directly affected by this project. I do not support the project.

I have attached road damage to Barry Road caused by an old gold mine and also by heavy logging trucks.

As a resident of Hanging Rock I oppose this project.

Oversize, Overmass (OSOM) vehicles up to 170 tonnes will be using Barry Road and Morrison's Gap Road. The roads already cannot cope.

Barry Road is a very steep, winding road that suffers damage easily from truck use. Tamworth Regional Council patches and then eventually resurfaces it again and again. At the top of the climb there is a sinkhole that had previously been repaired that has again collapsed back in 2021. Still to this day it has not been repaired. It is believed to have built over the site of an old gold mine.

The Hills Of Gold name came from the great Gold Rush that brought people into the area to mine and fossick the areas. There are many mines throughout the bushland and along the roads. The ground is often unstable.

Trucks will travel through Hanging Rock. And pass Sheba dams. A popular tourist spot for people wanting to get away from the city, and the hustle and bustle. Where families can escape for a few days with no traffic noise.

It is also at the bottom of a very steep rise in Barry Road, trucks will have to use low gear and high engine power to climb, and use noisy exhaust brakes to descend on return trips.

There will be up to 141 traffic movements traveling to and from the windfarm project each day for years during the construction of this project.

The visitor economy is very important for Nundle and Hanging Rock.

People visit Nundle and surrounds to get away from the city lights to see the stars and moon with no light polution not red flashing lights along the hills. This will impact the tourist visitors that come to experience an old style town such as Nundle.

Community projects have already suffered as the community is now divided into two opposing teams, those supporting the Windfarm, and those opposing. The Go For Gold Chinese festival brought thousands of visitors (10,000 in 2019) annually to Nundle but is no longer in operation due to the community divide.

This project comes with far too high an environmental cost and community cost for it to go ahead in this area.





