Please have the following submission recognised as an objection to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm, on behalf of Shawn Stone , Nundle.

To whom it may concern,

I was reviewing the application of the applicant and I couldn't find any specific Aboriginal, bio- diversity or engineer reports for the Western Connector Track, South of Nundle, and the territory that this track encompasses.

The western connector track appears to be drawn irrespective of terrain with slopes in excess of forty percent.

I couldn't identify Crown land approval to access the Western connector track from Crawney road and how this access is going to be mitigated by traversing a high conservation value reserve and Wombramurra creek.

I found it disturbing that no effective photo montages were created to illustrate, back to community, visual impacts of the ancillary prpject infrastructure above Teamsters Rest campground, known as the "governor's shelf".

The area in and around Teamsters Rest camp ground is of particular visual community value for obvious reasons. The fact that no photo montaging has been illustrated for this part of the project would suggest that the applicant does not want to show the sheer magnitude of the earthworks and batting support that would be required on a slope over forty percent, in this area.

The industrialization of the landscape, specifically south of Nundle village on the Crawney road, would have a negative impact on local cultural connection to the land and regional visitors alike.

I have not seen any photo montaging for transmission line clearing or transmission line infrastructure and the impact that this could have on the value of my property.

It has not been made clear how dust would be controlled on Crawney road out front peoples homes and how the Crawney road maintenance schedule will address an increase in vehicle traffic.

All in all, my family does not support this project and we are not impressed with how the applicant has informed the community with its visual and auditory impacts, to date.

In closing, the department must do more to prevent renewable energy projects from dividing rural communities. It has been well documented since 2006 that wherever these projects go, community division follows and the methods that this applicant has been able to use must stop with future generations in rural communities in Australia.

Please confirm having received this submission.

Shawn Stone