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**Subject:** Hills of Gold Windfarm Submission

Hi Geoff,

I tried to submit my objection online however the site stated it was having technical difficulties.

Please see my submission below

OBJECTION:

My parents own one of the proposed site's neighbouring lots. This is the land that my family will inherit. It has been in our family for over 40 years.

LAND USE:

We use this land as a lifestyle lot, our children being Kamilaroi (from their father's side) often enjoy the natural landscape and partake in traditional hunting and gathering activities on this land. We drink from the natural water source on this land.

The applicant has not properly consulted my parents, they have not addressed any of their concerns with regards to visual and noise impacts and health concerns arising from the wind turbines.

The applicant's responses are vague and generic.

WATER SUPPLY:

where will water be sourced from?

My understanding is that water licences are only required to be obtained once the project is approved, if this is the case the process is back to front. Water availability is a key component to the construction and function of this site due to its location. Our concerns with water allocation and water contamination is of high importance. How can approval be granted if there is no real information as to where water will be drawn from.

Our concerns stem from the fact that in the past we have had water pumped out of our water source without our permission by the main land holder that will host these turbines. They trespassed onto our land and installed a pump, photo evidence was taken and the act reported to EPA and NRAR.

If this landowner was desperate enough to trespass and pump water from our water source due to drought conditions then surely the site in its current state lacks sufficient water supply for this major project.

LAND VALUE:

Our land value goes hand in hand with our land use.

We use our land as a lifestyle lot. We enjoy the natural fauna and flora and the tranquility of its surroundings.

The construction of a wind turbine factory at our door step takes away from the nature of our lot. The use will be undermined by heavy industrial equipment that will negatively affect our property's views, noise and displacement of native animals on our land.

The juxtaposition of the proposed site and our natural land undermines what makes our land valuable the tranquility.

This project jeopardises our only sanctuary and my children's ability to connect with their land.

If the project is to proceed the wind turbines that are within 3km of our boundary being 64-70 must be removed

Kind regards,

Lana Carroll

Sent from my iPhone