



12 February 2026

## Tamworth Regional Council v Independent Planning Commission & Hills of Gold Wind Farm Pty Ltd (Land and Environment Court proceedings 2025/186678)

A Class 1 merits appeal has been filed in the Land and Environment Court against the Independent Planning Commission's 9 September 2024 grant of development consent to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project (SSD 9679). See the Commission's website at <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2023/12/hills-of-gold-wind-farm> for documents relating to the development consent.

The Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project involves the development of a 372MW wind farm comprising 62 wind turbines, a 100MW energy storage facility and a 330kV transmission line approximately 60 kilometers southeast of Tamworth, near Nundle, Hanging Rock and Crawney, within the local government areas of Tamworth Regional Council, Upper Hunter Shire and Liverpool Plains Shire.

Now that the Court-ordered section 34 conciliation conference, which commenced on 24 April 2025, has concluded without resolving the appeal, the Court has listed the appeal for hearing from 19 to 25 March 2026.

The hearing will commence at the site of the Project at 9:30AM on 19 March 2026 (the “**on-site component**”), the precise location of which will be advised at a later date. Following the on-site component, the rest of the hearing will resume at the Land and Environment Court at 225 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW.

The Court typically provides an opportunity for some members of the public to be heard during the hearing. Please note that the Court's policies limit the number of people that can be heard, and that the Court may not be able to accommodate all people who express an interest in being heard.

### Expressions of Interest

If you wish to apply to be heard during the hearing, please send an expression of interest email to [legalservices@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:legalservices@planning.nsw.gov.au) with the title “Hills of Gold Wind Farm – Hearing – EOI” in the subject heading by 5pm on **26 February 2026**.

Your expression of interest email must include the following information:

- your full name and contact details (email, phone number, address);
- whether you wish to be heard on-site or in Court;
- whether you represent any other person or group; and
- the topic(s) that you wish to address.

The Commission's legal team will contact people who have expressed an interest to confirm next steps and other arrangements in due course.

Written submissions previously provided to the Commission as part of the determination of the application will be made available to the Court.

### Office of the Independent Planning Commission



In the appeal, the Court will stand in the place of the Commission as the consent authority.

## **Updates**

Updates and further information about the appeal will be placed on the Commission's website at the following address:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2023/12/hills-of-gold-wind-farm>

If you do not wish to receive any further correspondence in this matter, please advise us in writing at [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)