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Subject: Hills of Gold Wind Farm objection
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I Hamish Sylvester, (23) am a young passionate 4th generation farming in the Hunter Valley. Our family own "Crawney Station" Crawney & "Isis Hills", Timor, "Morley Downs" Green Creek would like to make ANOTHER submission of objection to the revised response by the DHPI to the IPC regarding the Hills of Gold Wind Farm

I completely object to the reinstatement of turbines 9-11 after the IPC deemed them non compliant. Turbines 9-11 are most impacted by our property Crawney Station as stated we have 60-degree view from all 3 houses on the property and should visual screening be used it will take so long to obscure the turbines, but also it would block much needed sunlight into the homes. The Valley is known for how cold it is and every bit of "natural heating" and light needs to be maximised it seems a major contradiction that we would block sunlight which helps heat and light homes so as to block the industrial view of a wind turbine. I would not like live here should this be the only options!

I was with my family when the IPC attended Crawney sataion in reference to the hearing in Feb 2024 and we took a lot of time to explain the fragility of the area, and the impacts these turbines would have on the land. The Valley has the soft soils and many landslips, it is very fragile when disturbed which is why it has been so protected. The amount of earthworks that would need to be done and costings to stabilise soils (if that is possible) would not be worth it compared to the long-term damage to the environment.

I also strongly object to and reject the DPHI's agreement to grant Engie (a private commercial multi-national company) the right to a Voluntary Land Acquisition imposed on a private landowner's land (property NAD 01) to suit Engie's financial viability. I Strongly object to the dangerous precedent that DPHI is setting by imposing land acquisition on a private land holder by a private commercial multi-national company. This means legal dwelling entitlements and approved development applications are not respected or safe in NSW. As a younger member of the farming community this is of great concern.

I urge the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to reread my previous submission from February 2024 and state that all our objections still remain.

I also support the application made by the community of Timor, Crawney and Green Creek Valley I include part of their submission in my objection.

Thank you for the time taken to review this objection

Regards

Hamish Sylvester

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