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I am the owner of the property next to the proposed Hill of Gold Wind Farm at Hanging Rock, south of Nundle. My property is located on [REDACTED] at Hanging Rock, NSW. Lot 1 DP 1011216. It is called NAD_7.

I'm writing in response to the continuing objection to the Wind farm proposed for the Hanging Rock/ Timor area. The wind turbine project is 1.7kms away from our dwelling and is counterproductive to the operation of a volunteer veteran program currently in full swing. The unique biodiversity in the very close, spring fed river system (Barnard) will also be impacted by the construction and continued maintenance of the turbines. I have received very little correspondence from Engie or the department of planning. I use Shearers rd as a normal access road, and this will significantly, negatively impact my normal day to day on goings, during construction and normal operations. Please see below previous submissions.

My house is on a little shelf and turbine number 70, which is the closest at 1.7 kms, is just across the valley. The bottom of it is higher than the elevation of the house and the top is another 230 meters higher again. The location of the turbines are sitting on spring fed gullies that supply the Barnard River. I have a privately owned section of this river which currently contains threatened/ endangered "spiny freshwater crayfish" (*Euastacus Gamilaroi*). Any runoff from construction or failure of the erosion mitigation proposals will have dire consequences for what is already a very rare species of Crayfish. Quote: "Euastacus crayfish are vulnerable to environmental pressures as they are generally slow growing, late maturing, long lived and/or rare. Habitat degradation is likely to be having a detrimental impact on *Euastacus* species. Habitat degradation can be caused by erosion and the clearing of riparian (riverside) vegetation. It can result in the siltation of rivers, the invasion of exotic species and a decline in water quality. Changes in hydrological conditions, loss of suitable habitat and increased potential for bushfire events are also factors".

Our property doubles up as a mental health refuge for some of my returned service personnel friends that suffer from PTSD. We allow them to use our place as a mental health reset. Red lights, noise, shadow flicker and the view of turbines will counter this good work. The wind farm project has potential to end this volunteer work and destroy lives trying to get back on track. I have only just recently received my visual assessments, after the Department has published their recommendation for the wind farm. It's hard to say what I am looking at with all these artificial trees plastered on green mesh. Some of them are unrealistically big judging by how many degrees of view they are occupying. They would have to be 10 to 15 meters wide in the trunk. I can see that this material was put together in August last year, but they have used an old aerial image of my property. They said that I have trees to the west of the house which will screen turbines. After the 2019-2020 bushfires, I have cut down a lot of trees on this side because the ground slopes down to the West.

In addition to the above my family will be impacted by proposed road works all along Morrisons Gap Road, and I don't know how they are going to get big loads through the Devil's Elbow in the first place, and where the road has collapsed in the village. This road should not be allowed to be used.

Thank you.

