

13th July, 2024

Independent Planning Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SDD-9679) Public Comment**

As directors of the Sylvester Pastoral Trust which operates Wombramurra Station [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Nundle we wish to object to the recommendation of reinstatement of 15 turbines for the Hills of Gold Proposed Wind Farm .

None of the risk factors identified in our previous submissions have been adequately addressed and the reinstatement of these turbines increases the impact of this project on our farming business, lifestyle and value of our farming assets. Voluntary acquisition of NAD 01 has added another dimension to the renewable rollout if adjoining non associated landholders lose their rights to their property to allow foreign companies financial gain.

There are still so many unknowns with this proposed Wind farm including the use of Head of Peel Road. The proponent's engagement with neighbouring land holders has been forceful, lacking in transparency and integrity. The quality of their engagement has shown no signs of a "model proponent". A larger number of adjoining non associated landholders do not have neighbourhood agreements in place which demonstrates the difficulties experienced when negotiating with the proponent.

We are also deeply concerned with the micro siting of turbines closer to Ben Halls Nature Reserve the environmental affects and the potential for catastrophic bushfires that will be impossible to control.

The commissioners should recommend rejection of this project

Your Sincerely

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