



# RECORD OF SITE INSPECTION

SITE INSPECTION NOTES			
<b>Case</b>	Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD-9679)		
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	The Project Site and surrounding area		
<b>Date / Time:</b>	<b>Day 1 – Monday 29 January 2024</b> Part A: 12:00pm – 3:30pm Part B: 4:00pm – 5:30pm <b>Day 2 – Tuesday 30 January 2024</b> Part C: 11:30pm – 2:00pm		
ATTENDEES			ATTENDANCE
<b>Commissioners:</b>	Clare Sykes Juliet Grant Duncan Marshall	Panel Chair Panel Member Panel Member	Day 1 & 2 Day 1 & 2 Day 1 & 2
<b>Office of the IPC:</b>	Steve Barry Geoff Kwok Stuart Morgan	Planning Director A/Principal Case Manager Manager, Public Participation	Day 1 & 2 Day 1 Day 1 & 2
<b>Applicant:</b>	Scott De Keizer Aref Taleb Tim Mead David Moir	Head of Development, ENGIE Australia and NZ Development Manager, ENGIE Australia and NZ Development Director, Someva Renewables Principal, MOIR Landscape Architecture	Day 1 & 2 Day 1 & 2 Day 1 & 2 Day 1 & 2
<b>Landowners:</b>	Jim Robinson Sue Robinson Russell Sydenham	Landowner Landowner Landowner	Day 1 Day 1 Day 1
<b>Council Representative:</b>	Steve Brake	Manager – Development Engineering, Tamworth Regional Council	Day 1 & 2
<b>Community Group Representative:</b>	Robert Schofield	The Friends of the Wind Farm	Day 1
LOCATIONS AND KEY OBSERVATIONS			
<b>Day 1 – Part A</b> <b>Nundle – commencement</b> Opening statement by Panel Chair, introductions, and short overview of site inspection Day 1.			
<b>1) Barry Road and Morrisons Gap Road</b> Travelled along and observed Barry Road and Morrisons Gap Road			
<b>2) Northern site access</b> Stopped at the Site's Northern Access at the end of Morrisons Gap Road; observed the surrounds and outlook to the west.			
<b>3) Eastern ridgeline – north</b> Travelled south along the eastern ridgeline and observed proposed locations of turbines, including WTG53 to WTG62.			
<b>4) Wind turbine 58</b> Stopped at proposed location of WTG58; observed the surrounds and outlook to the west.			
<b>5) Eastern ridgeline – south</b> Continued travelling south along the eastern ridgeline and observed proposed locations of turbines.			
<b>6) Wind turbine 42</b> Stopped at proposed location of WTG42; observed the surrounds and outlook to the west.			
<b>7) Transverse Track*</b> Continued onwards to the start of the proposed Transverse Track; walked along part of the transverse track and observed the surrounds. <i>*Supplementary drone footage of the Transverse Track's proposed location was provided to the Commission Panel to observe parts of the track that were not reasonably accessible on Day 1. The supplementary drone footage has been published onto the Commission's website for reference.</i>			
<b>8) Substation option 1 and BESS location</b>			



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Stopped at proposed location of the substation (option 1), BESS and beginning of the proposed transmission line; observed the surrounds and outlook to the north.

## Day 1 – Part B

### 1) OSOM transport route

Travelled along and observed the proposed OSOM transport route, commencing at the rear of the Peel Inn Hotel and continuing onwards to Crawney Road.

### 2) Main site access – option B

Stopped at the location of the DPHI recommended option B access and observed the surrounds.

### 3) Main site access – option A

Travelled through and observed the existing site access at option A.

### 4) Western access track

Travelled south through and observed the 'western access track'.

### 5) Substation option 2 location

Stopped at proposed location of the substation (option 2); observed the surrounds and outlook to the east.

## Day 2 – Part C

### Wallabadah – commencement

Opening statement by Panel Chair, introductions, and short overview of site inspection Day 2.

### 1) Switching station

Observed the proposed location of switching station and connection to existing 330kV transmission line

### 2) Transmission line viewpoint

Observed the western end of the proposed project transmission line route, looking north and east.



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## SITE INSPECTION MAPS



**SOMEVA RENEWABLES**  
**Hills of Gold Wind Farm**  
IPC Site Visit Map

**Legend**

**Project Infrastructure**

- Project Area
- ◆ DPE Recommended WTG
- ◆ DPE Proposed WTG Removal
- Accepted Recommended Removal
- Emergency Access
- Main Site Access (Option A)
- Main Site Access (Option B)
- Site Access
- Permanent Project Infrastructure Footprint
- Proposed Permanent Roads
- Proposed Transmission Lines

**Existing Infrastructure**

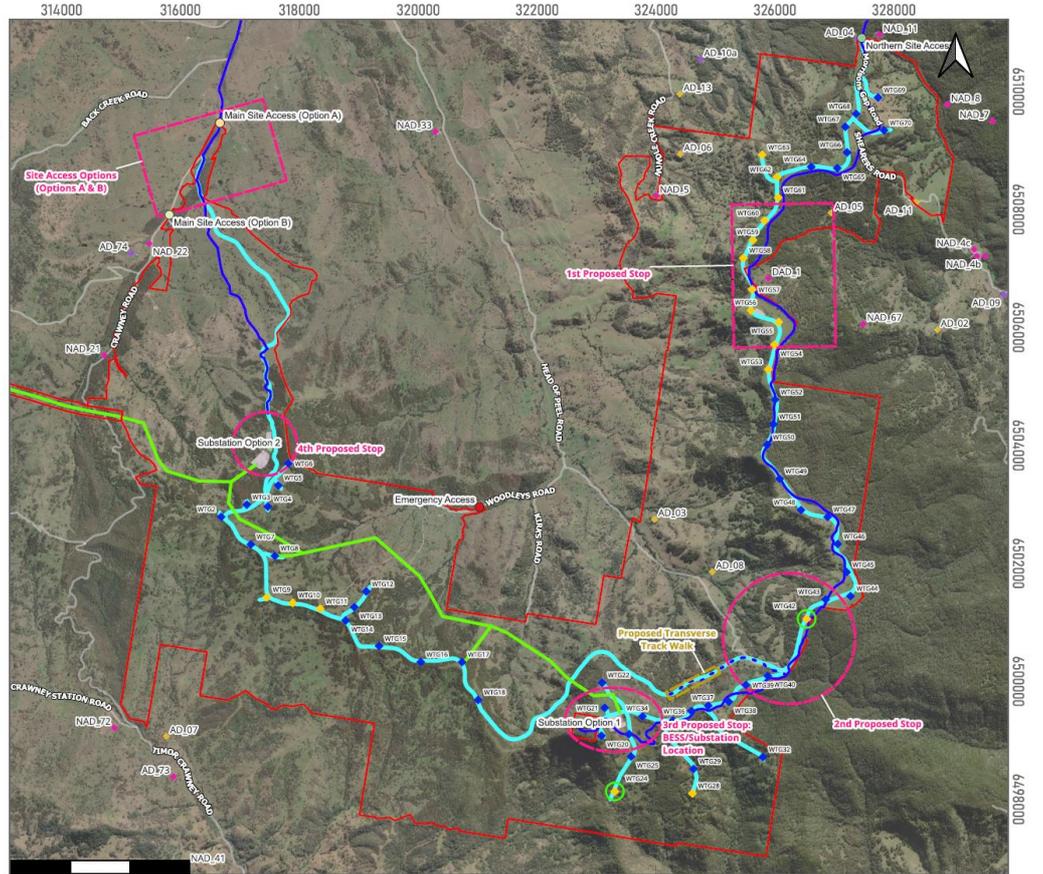
- Dwellings**
- ◆ Neighbour
  - ◆ Neighbour Agreement
  - ◆ Project Host
  - Roads

**Site Visit**

- Site Visit Location
- Potential Site Visit Location
- Site Visit Route
- Drive
- - - Walk

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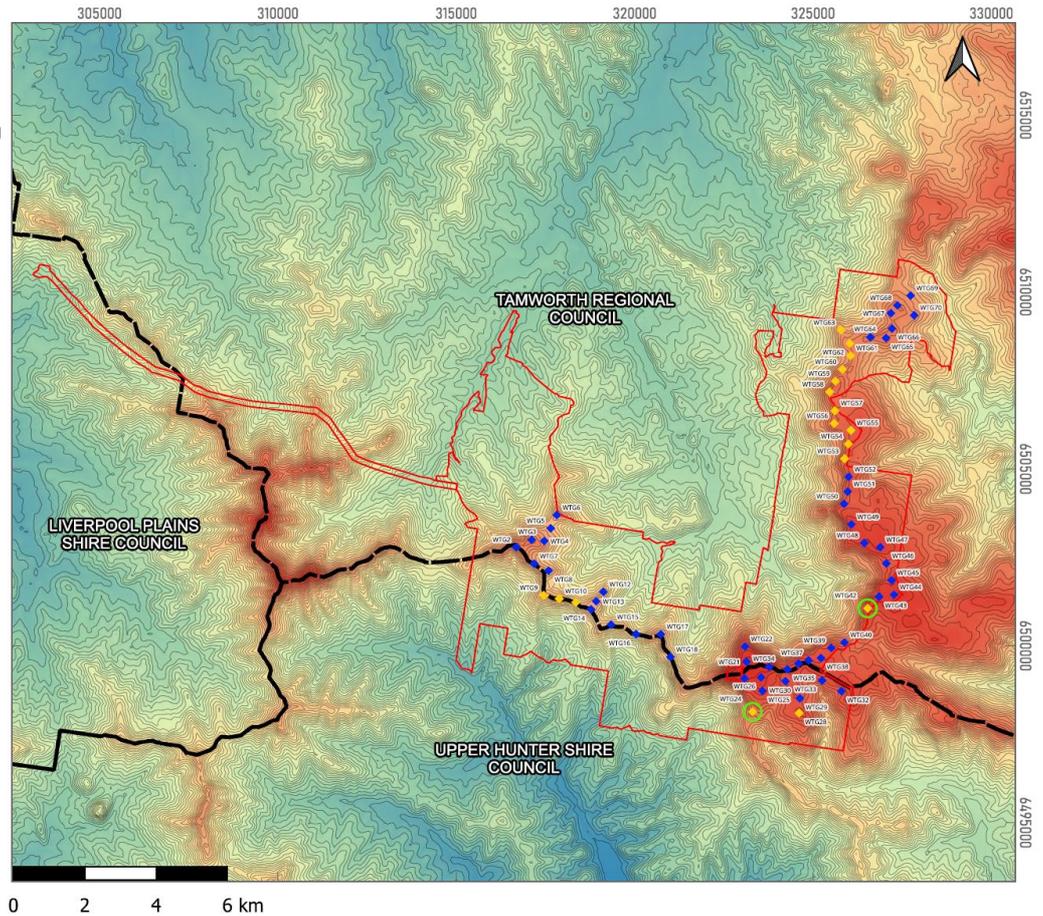
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**SOMEVA RENEWABLES**  
**Hills of Gold Wind Farm**  
IPC Topography Map

**Legend**

- ▭ Project Area
- ▭ Existing Infrastructure
- Proposed Turbine Locations**
  - ◆ DPE Recommended WTG
  - ◆ DPE Proposed WTG Removal
  - Accepted Recommended Removal
- Local Government Area
- Elevation (m)**
  - Band 1 (Gray)
  - 1644
  - 476
- Elevation 20m Contours

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**Hills of Gold Wind Farm**  
IPC Transmission Map

**Legend**

- Project Infrastructure**
- Project Area
- Proposed Turbine Locations
- DPE Recommended WTG
- Switching Station
- 330kV Connection Impact
- Site Access Points**
- Main Site Access (Option A)
- Main Site Access (Option B)
- Proposed Access Tracks
- Project Transmission Lines
- Proposed Permanent Roads
- Existing Infrastructure**
- Dwellings**
- AD
- NAD
- NAS
- Roads
- Existing 330kV Transmission Line
- Site Visit**
- Site Visit Location
- Site Visit Route
- Drive

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