

Hills of Gold Wind Farm Land Clearing Factsheet

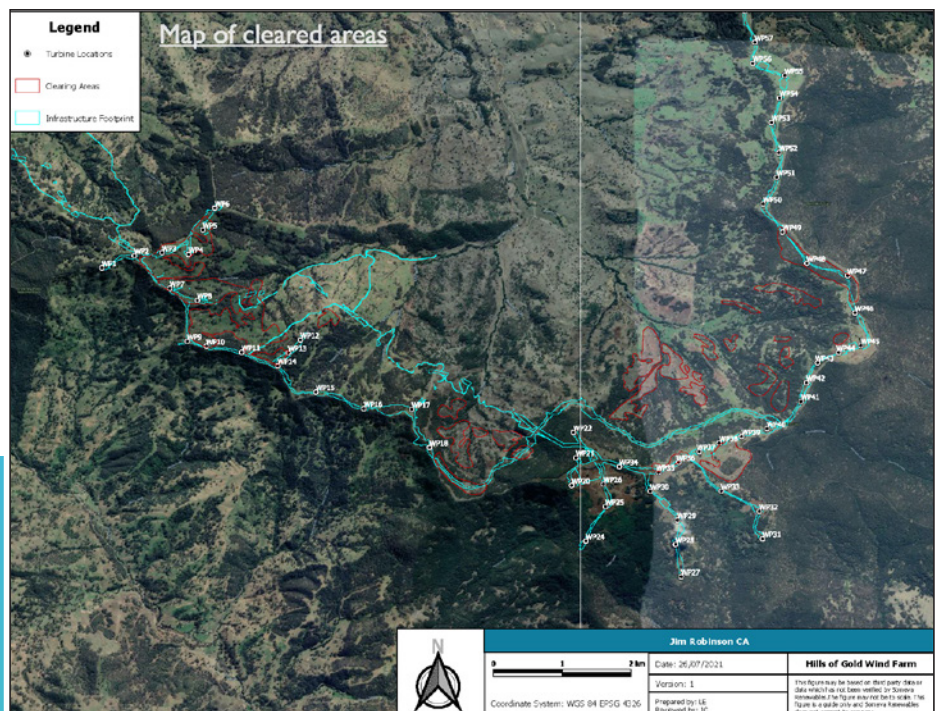
What land clearing has been undertaken by ENGIE for the Hills of Gold Wind Farm?

No clearing has been undertaken by ENGIE within the proposed development footprint of the Hills of Gold Wind Farm near Nundle.

ENGIE is aware of investigations, past and ongoing, into the unauthorised land clearing within the proposed project footprint. Investigations have concluded that ENGIE or previous proponents have not been involved in any unauthorised land clearing, which has been determined by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to be consistent with pasture expansion and weed control. ENGIE or Wind Energy Partners were not aware of the land clearing undertaken on the property prior to it being undertaken and did not request, nor authorise any land clearing.

ENGIE has been supporting authorities in their investigations into land clearing around the project area. It is understood that a conservation agreement has been reached with a wind farm host landowner. This requires the conservation of 620 hectares of their land being established to protect and preserve areas of high-quality habitat. ENGIE has had discussions with the investigating officer who advised that no further action will be undertaken by the Department.

As pictured, clearing by the landowner took place within the indicated red zone. The blue zone indicates the wind farm project area.



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