

Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project Location Factsheet

The Project location has been assessed as suitable for a wind farm based on the following key aspects:

- ▶ The location of the proposed wind farm provides a significantly stronger wind resource than most other wind farms in operation or under development in NSW.
- ▶ There is a relatively low number of existing residential dwellings within 5km of the proposed development:
 - There are 56 dwellings within 5km
 - High impacted dwellings have been reassessed as moderate following removal of turbines, and if vegetation screening can be implemented
 - There remain 10 existing dwellings that have been assessed as moderate impact with potential for effective visual screening
 - All existing dwellings meet noise and shadow flicker guidelines
- ▶ The proposed project is located predominantly on existing agricultural land and will not impact the productive capacity of the land.
- ▶ The proposed project has avoided sensitive conservation soils.
- ▶ The proposed project can be connected into the existing and recently upgraded Transgrid transmission line feeding Tamworth.
- ▶ There will be clean, timely renewable energy from the proposed project, to help replace electricity generation removed from the national network as a result of the closure of AGL's Liddell Power Station (expected to close by 2023).
- ▶ The Project is located within commutable distance to Tamworth improving direct local benefits to businesses in the region.

