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I feel it is arrogant in the extreme for such a proposal to be foisted on an unsuspecting community without even the courtesy of discussion and education from Origin Energy. A letterbox drop is totally inadequate. At least, a senior team from Origin Energy should conduct a session with Kangaroo Valley residents in the local town hall to put forward their justification for this project, showing that the benefits will outweigh community concerns.

Presuming that is not going to happen these are my objections:

1. The community deserves to know why Origin Energy would proceed with such a perverse project
A) If the cost of pumping hydro is more than the value of the energy generated.
B) the technology to be used is old and may well be superseded or even totally outmoded by the time the project is completed.
2. Businesses in KV village, on Kangaroo River and Lake Yarrunga will be critically impacted due to numbers, size and frequency of vehicle movements, many of them oversize.
In particular, those businesses relying on the celebrated pristine environment of Kangaroo Valley, such as tourism and weddings, will be most adversely affected. After years of drought, fires and floods surely this community has the right to rebuild, unhindered.
3. The danger to pedestrians; children, elderly, infirm and other pedestrians and also car traffic is unacceptable, both in KV village and on mountain roads.
4. The mountain roads are not built to take this size and frequency and weight of traffic. The roads have been severely damaged in 2022 and cannot take this repeated heavy, oversized traffic. Unacceptable!
5. Potholes will form on roads and worsen with repeated heavy traffic and create frequent and unacceptable hazards to normal traffic, causing car damage or worse.
6. Endangered and threatened species of wildlife will be dislocated and consequently killed and injured at unacceptable rates on the roads due to increased traffic. it is probable that wildlife rescuers will be severely overloaded by extra and traumatising rescues.
7. The underground blasting will be conducted 24/7 365 days a year, over 5+ years. Residents nearby will be living above, adjacent to this blasting. Unacceptable!
8. Community drinking water will be polluted by spoil if it is dumped in the location currently proposed.
9. The riverine ecology will be polluted, killing or damaging the flora and fauna.
10. No benefit to KV businesses as workers will be bussed into KV.
11. Several government agencies like WaterNSW and Transport NSW are opposed to this development or components of it.
12. Shoalhaven Council has not been consulted due to the planning exemption applied.

We beseech Origin Energy not to proceed with this project.

Sincerely

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