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Dear Jai Reid, Contact Planner

Objection to SSD-31940756 Beresfield BESS, Newcastle

I object to this proposed 170MW, 340MW hour BESS because it will:

- increase even further my cost of electricity and that of many other Australians.
- it may contain minerals like copper and cobalt that have been mined by slave labour in the Congo, including tens thousands of women and of children.
- increases the risk to fire-fighters and nearby residents because lithium-ion batteries can and do produce chemical fires and toxic fumes that are extremely dangerous and very difficult to extinguish.

I have made no political donations and do not wish my name to be published. Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.