

Thank you for this opportunity.

A few of the reasons why I object.....And some things I request the State Gov. to attend to if this project goes ahead.

1. I object to this project as it is too big/intense for the area. Droughts, fires, floods, dust storms, mice and grasshopper plagues, Covid 19, late frosts, fluctuating commodity process and other trials come and go and we sometimes get time to catch our breath and recover between each assault. However, we will be looking at solar panels and turbines for a very long time. Disruption and displacement will take generations to recover from.

2. People will be forced to or choose to leave. Others will be trapped causing conflict, displacement and depression in towns starved of services.

3. In the long term, business will suffer because of loss of farmers and residents with schools and services being downgraded.

5. Additional traffic hauling large loads will stop the traffic and regular traffic will stop using these lifeline highways through this small town of Dunedoo.

6. Medical services are not equipped to cope with the influx of thousands more workers.

Small towns (Including the larger center of Mudgee) are too small to cope with the increased traffic, waste, rubbish, water requirements and demands of 8,000 additional people in the area. (GM. Mudgee Regional Council, Monday 30 October, Dunedoo)

7. Disregard and lack of respect for neighbours is disgraceful. Neighbours need to be compensated.

8. Communities/residents need to get free power or some form of decent compensation. It's ok for the shire to use this money for roads, but....What about the residents? Free electricity perhaps! Solar at each town for that town and district. Surely in the large scale of this project this is not too much to ask!

9. It concerns me greatly (Energy Co Dunedoo 30.10.23) stated that nothing is being done in relation to seed and DNA collecting/saving of flora and fauna of ALL affected areas. This needs to be done to enable regeneration in the future to remediate ALL areas of solar and turbines installation. Not just areas seen from the main roads.

10. Please ensure that every species of flora seed is collected and securely stored for future generations to access and remediate ALL areas. Not just areas seen from the main roads.
11. Please ensure DNA of flora and fauna is collected, securely stored for future generations to remediate ALL areas. Not just areas seen from the main roads.
12. Intensive and comprehensive Grid Plans need to be put into place to enable future generations to know where species need to be replaced ESPECIALLY TREES in ALL areas. Not just areas seen from the main roads.
13. Please ensure this information is stored in a capacity that will be readily found and accessible in the future. Greening Australia, Canberra is a good start. Maybe Seed Room. Port Arica. Chile.
14. From what can be seen at Wellington, the fences are of concern. Please ensure adequate corridors are installed to allow fauna movement between habitat areas.
15. Please ensure PERMANENT WATERING POINTS are installed and continually and properly maintained for the fauna of these areas. If indeed any fauna is left.
16. What has been done to assist businesses to cope with this onslaught?
17. Communication to communities is pathetic. No one knows, cares or asks how to get information to communities.
18. It appears that confidentiality and lack of neighbour compensation is putting neighbour against neighbour and community, to take the focus off larger issues such as major disruptions.
19. How can this project be good for the environment!
20. I do not believe this will reduce anyone's power bills.
21. What guarantee do we have that the solar panels and turbines will be taken down when they are done?
22. When the life of these panels and turbines are outdated and no longer needed, where and how will they be dumped? Clear a few more trees and dig a big hole?

23. Technology has moved on. Please reconsider smaller methods of sun and wind harvesting.

24. Please, please, please...Do not on-sell to China, Russia, Palestine, Israel or any other trigger-happy country.

25. Renewable Energy Motto....Buggar you Jack, I'm ok!