

The Hume North BESS EIS

The proposal and the EIS documented information has many shortcomings, far too much impact in a range of area to consider it progressing.

The EIS though extensive in contact doesn't adequately address the SEARs, guidelines or community concerns about this larger size BESS, at this location.

The diversity range of plants; tree, shrubs and groundcover plants species provide a diverse habitat, food sources and protection for many forms of wildlife. It is of critical importance as a site food source for the Squirrel Gliders, and 120 species of birds on the property, especially to fill food gaps at particularly times of the year.

This is the 2nd BESS development proposed for Lake Hume Village, The Lake Hume BES was approved but not developed.

Foresight should perhaps reconsider that option.

Its shortcomings include:

- The EIS takes an incomplete narrow view of "remnant" and habitat
- Uses inappropriate scale of resource information to define the site characteristics
- Fails duty of care with site selection not considering the obvious option of re evaluating the design of the existing approved adjacent site
- Neglects to consider the proposal on future development of neighbours and lake Hume village business owners and residents that are consistent and detailed in Councils zoning and strategic plans
- Appear to not have considered that the proposal to develop over an easement would breach the adjacent landholder rights under Water 2000 legislation
- Has not considered many of the Regional and local Council planning instruments and planning documents (REP2, LEP 2010, DCP, Towards Albury 2030, Regional Natural Environment Strategy, Albury Land Use Strategy 2007, **River Murray Experience (RME 2024)**)

Elements of Lake Hume section of the **(RME 2024)** include unique landscape, visual vistas , recreation and tourism, subdivision and medium density housing,