

To: Department of Planning and Environment

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Online lodgement by major projects planning portal

From: name withheld

Dear Ms/Sir

Subject: SSD-29508870: Birriwa Solar Farm

I object to the Birriwa Solar Works proposal:

The accumulating demands of project after project proposal is affecting:

- my life and mental health, and that of others, are continually disrupted by the having to consider project after project proposed so close to our towns; some sanity must be introduced into the assessment process
- our rural lifestyle and surroundings, which will/are being destroyed by such projects; typically over 90% of community submissions are objections ; the DPE must give much more weight to the views and objections of the community and not consent to projects that do not have overt community support.

Just those few projects I know about will have enormous adverse consequences for our town and Dunedoo if we are expected to provide resources during the overlapping construction phases, such as from:

- already poor health services that will not cope with an influx of transient workers
- already stretched tourist/visitor accommodation that may disappear all together
- supplying billions of litres of water that will be required for the projects (e.g. dust control, panel cleaning) and workers, possibly leaving us short when the next drought comes
- massively increased traffic from both light and heavy vehicles, including funding the cost of extra damage to the roads, especially ratepayer funded repairs
- increased cost and demands on our fire and emergency services, as more project related fires are inevitable
- years of disruption to our current way of life
- increased risk of motoring accidents, grass fires and crime.

From my experience, each EIS and its attachments number over 1000 pages. I sympathise with the DPE staff having to read these, which must be quite boring given they are so similar from project to project.

How then is the DPE going to evaluate each proposal based on the cumulative effect of existing, under construction and proposed and in scoping projects?

The project should not be recommended for approval.

Yours sincerely

A Very Concerned Gulgong Resident