

Further to my previous comments on this EIS, I would like to advise that I object to this proposal for the following reasons:

There are many areas of the document that state that consultation will occur to resolve any identified issues. Given the lack of consultation and community engagement to date, this is not a viable 'resolution' option. Issues need to be identified, and any resolutions agreed with the local community, prior to any approval. Independent assessments should be undertaken, particularly in relation to noise, vibration, roads and impact on native flora and fauna and the human population, with clearly identified issues and practical resolutions identified and agreed – not 'consultation' after the fact.

The lack of understanding of the local wildlife and their habitat, including waterways, and the potential destruction of these due to increased traffic, noise and dumping of materials/soil. Our wildlife and their habitat are still recovering from the Currowan bushfires and are vulnerable. Particularly given the proposed life of the project, the value that the flora and fauna play in our environment currently, and into the future, cannot be ignored or dismissed.

Unacceptable levels of traffic, noise, air pollution, blasting and vibrations that will be generated by the Project – for at least five years, and 24 hours a day seven days a week. This will have a huge impact on people – both from a mental health and day to day living aspect. This is not acceptable.

Many businesses will suffer due to this Project, as despite the EIS stating businesses will benefit, there are clear implications for bussing workers in and out, issues for Bendeela Campground, the waterways themselves and the increased traffic and noise for any accommodation businesses.

For me personally, I live within 2km of the existing power station, and I am a Marriage Celebrant that conducts most of my weddings in Kangaroo Valley. There are two main venues that I work from – the first is located on Bendeela Road – directly over the road from the proposed 'dump zone'; and the second is on Radiata Road – directly over the river from the existing power station, meaning that noise will travel to that venue. Any negative reviews due to any aspect of the Project that are applied to either venue will become very public and spread amongst the 'soon-to-be-wed' market very quickly. This will impact not only my work personally, but also existing and future bookings for these well-established venues, plus any other vendor that services the wedding industry in Kangaroo Valley. A decrease in weddings will also impact many other local businesses, including accommodation, due to a significantly decreased number of regular visitors.