

ReD4NE objects to the Bendemeer Solar Electricity Generating Works on the following grounds:-

-There is inadequate identification of the true cumulative impact. Without adequately identifying the extent of the potential impact on individuals in particular, their businesses and the flow on effect on their productivity and viability, there is no depth of understanding and no hope of proper management. Not only is it imperative that provision for access from the Port of Newcastle right through the most difficult portions of road access is clear, but there must be adequate response available in the case of emergencies.

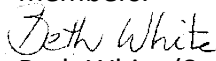
-While Athena has made a noble attempt at achieving 'Social Licence', through communication, availability and sponsorships, it is not possible to determine if 'Social Licence' has been achieved due to an absence of proper definition as to what identifies as adequate definition of social licence from the NSW Government.

-Transmission is an area that this project has a vision for connectivity – however without clear determination of either the transmission facility or capacity which is in the hands of our Governments. It is therefore impossible to say if this is a viable project worthy of any support.

-Due to infringement upon habitat vital to threatened species – flora and fauna-we cannot support this project. In addition to plain destruction of habitat, addition of contaminants to the area from leaching that occurs from components is unacceptable. The soil types and aquifer structures are especially delicate and cannot withstand such disturbance, nor will they tolerate the massive disturbance from either construction processes or the heavy vehicular movements across the site.

-The ambience of the locality is a very special place and should not be compromised. The disruption of visibility through glare and shadow potentially disrupts the lives of people but especially also that of species dependent on the signals within nature for their lifecycles. Alteration of moisture penetration by the introduction of drip zones will manifest challenges to the introduced grazing species as well as native fauna and will introduce an unacceptable level of unprecedented competition. There will be a shift in pastures and weed growth patterns that add to disruption to past productive advantage.

Our members individually voice their position on the finer points and details of this proposal. I submit this objection based on the collective opinion of the majority of our members.

  
Beth White (Secretary)  
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