

Community Alliance advocates Responsible energy Development for the New England  
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ReD4NE objects to the Muswellbrook Solar Electricity Generating Works on the following grounds:-

-Identified cumulative impact removing productive land and reducing the productivity of land by cladding the land resource with panels to create the heat island effect; thereby causing a disruption to cloud formation /weather patterns/rainfall as well as progressive waste and toxicity management even before any consideration of decommissioning.

-Panels of toxic components threatening the viability of local soils, water and air without either an acceptable independent monitoring regime or an adequate response strategy and recover plan.

-‘Social Licence’ - can not be determined for want of a proper definition of social licence accepted by the NSW Government. Without a definition, this basic requirement is elusive and so it is unknown if or how it can be achieved?

-Transmission - this project has a vision for connectivity – however a clear determination of either the transmission facility or transmission capacity makes the proposal incomplete and therefore unable to seek approval in its current state.

-Disrupted habitat of threatened species of flora and fauna-cannot be mitigated and therefore we cannot support this project.

-In addition to destruction of habitat, the capacity for firefighting is disrupted threatening the whole locality. Subsequent invasion of pest animals and weed species are exaggerated within the proposed development by vehicular movements as well as the altered airflow patterns mentioned in relation to Heat island effect.

-In consideration of civil and criminal charges being made against public servants who ignored warnings, cautions, concerns and evidence in relation to the impact on individuals, groups and organisations in relation to the Robodebt Scheme, so also should this project not be granted approval to proceed by way of protecting the public servants responsible for these approval processes, lest they be found to have rebuffed concerns and ensnared vulnerable Australians, in another massive failure of administration.

Individuals make their personal submissions. This submission is made on behalf of the group Responsible energy development for New England, being the agreed position of the membership.

Beth White (Secretary)  
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