

I object to this project.

It is clear that the development footprint has been further expanded with little or no regard for the increasing impact on the destruction of the area and its biodiversity.

It is particularly concerning that the **worker camp** of 500 is within 3.5km of the 1200 person Merotherie main camp for the EnergyCo CWO REZ Transmission project. As we have come to expect however, even the figure of 500 is not set as there is the option of increasing this number to a 1000 worker camp for future ACEN projects. The work camp is also now close to non-associated dwellings, the impact on which is largely ignored.

The impacts of the construction of the worker camp alone are unacceptable – the disturbance of soil which is highly sensitive to displacement and the heavy vehicle traffic associated with 180 semi trailer loads. Once constructed, there are the impacts of the necessary water usage (no definite supply pinpointed!) and the waste and sewage disposal (also to be worked out at some future time). There are no details of how the workers will get to and from the camp at the commencement and conclusion of their days on and the impacts of the shuttle buses to and from the project site are glossed over.

Once again, the local community is facing an increased fire risk, the burden falling on local Fire & Rescue and RFS trucks. And the medical and hospital services of the local community will be further stretched by servicing the workers.

As for the loss of biodiversity, project after project is disturbing habitat for the Superb Parrot. There can be no confidence that the owls previously assumed to be in the project area are not also being impacted.

Overall, the EIS is lacking in real (cf desktop) studies and is asking the local community to take on faith that significant problems will be worked out later on. The object of the EIS is to enable the community to see the detail and to comment on it. The failure to provide the detail required should mean that this project is not approved.

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