

As a group advocating for responsible Energy Development it is impossible to support the Armidale BESS development as a component of a network of unacceptable proposals within the NEREZ.

Multiple proposals are inadequately assessed for their cumulative impact within our region in multiple facets including traffic, basic component supply i.e. gravel, water, accommodation, skilled labour etc. The BESS only adds to the extensive disruption to the local area and can in no way present a 'green' image.

Independent pretesting of water, air and soils together with alarmed monitoring systems would be insufficient to offer adequate protection to our community because any detection means a recovery operation is required and not all can be recovered.

The notable flammability i.e. the extreme fire risk and potential toxicity of smoke dominate the position of our committee.

We accept that a responsible position, is not to introduce the risks in the first instance. We therefore object to the proposal.

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