

Application No.: SSD 23830229

Project Name: Tamworth Battery Energy Storage System.

I am a neighbour to the Tamworth Battery Energy Storage System development and strongly oppose this development going ahead for the reasons outlined below:

Firstly, the amplified noise and light pollution from this development combined with the other three BESS developments, all within a five hundred metre radius of each other, with their overlapping footprint, has not been contemplated.

Secondly, the acquisition of all four properties, though legal with the vendor's consent, has been very secretive, requiring all to sign nondisclosure concords. The company has held a caveat over the property for three-plus years, paying the owner a peppercorn rent in the hope that the development will be approved.

Thirdly, the economic impact on the value of subdivision land adjoining the development and the difficulty of attracting buyers living within three hundred metres of the development will be incalculable. A property not directly joining the development site but within sight of it is on the market and unable to attract any interest.

Fourthly, the lack of communication by the applicant company in regard to notifying neighbours about this development. Despite the fact that my boundary fence is only three hundred metres away from the proposed development site, it took the applicant company two and a half years to make contact.

Lastly, all the adjoining properties rely solely on shallow water bores with water tables within three metres of the surface for stock and domestic supply, as no access is available to the town water supply. The threat of contamination of this resource from fire or battery leakage would be irreparable. The risks posed are further demonstrated by a recent ABC News article about a Tesla battery storage site in Bouldercombe, Queensland that suffered a major fire event.¹

¹ Tesla battery on fire at Bouldercombe energy storage site, Genex confirms. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-27/tesla-battery-fire-at-queensland-renewable-energy-project/102905302>