

Tamworth Battery Energy Storage System
SSD 23830229

As a nearby landholder to the above proposed project, I viciously oppose its development.

In recent times, four properties have been acquired by renewal energy companies/developers, with the aim of developing a renewable energy hub. Vendors had to sign nondisclosure promises, and the acquisition prices offered to the vendors were vastly overvalued in order to get a deal. This will affect the Valuer General valuation and, in turn, council rates, even though the obtainable value from a private buyer will be significantly reduced.

For landowners that have the option of subdividing their land neighbouring the proposed project, the fiscal effect on the value of the land that is within three hundred metres of the project site will be beyond measure.

Given the size and impression of the proposed project, I would have expected more and better communication from the applicant company. Despite the fact that I am only a nearby landholder, it still took the applicant company over two years to communicate with me. If the company was hoping to avoid resistance from nearby landowners, this is one area that should have been dealt with carefully as it will cost them profoundly in the long run.

Contamination risk, specifically that of water supplies both above and below ground. The proposed project site slopes towards Burgmanns Lane. If there is a battery leakage or water run-off from the proposed site, it will directly end-up in the Goonoo Goonoo Creek, which in turn flows into the Peel River. Then when considering below ground water supplies, most properties surrounding the proposed site, rely on shallow water bores for their stock and domestic needs, as the town water supply is not available. If the water table was to get contaminated, by a battery leakage, it would be both an environmental and economic disaster.¹

With any industrial development, there is going to be noise and sometimes light pollution. When it comes to these battery energy storage systems, the neighbours won't get any peace from the noise or light pollution that these projects omit. Furthermore, when there are three of these BESS projects within a five hundred metre radius, there is going to be an overlapping of the noise and light pollution footprint, that the 'expects' haven't even mentioned.

¹ Battery ESS Fire: Neermoor, Germany Incident.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JM4ifQnIm2Q&list=PLz3ND1kx26QtH1DsSvG_zDlKhIYhiX0kY