

Application No.: SSD 63207219

Project Name: Kingswood Battery Energy Storage System.

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

Firstly, the economic impact on the value of subdivision land adjoining the development and the difficulty of attracting buyers living within sight of this 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.

Secondly, communication, the applicant company failed to contact me about this project, notwithstanding the fact that I am a direct neighbour with my boundary fence right beside the proposed project site. I approached the applicant company after hearing on the community grapevine that this project was being proposed.

Thirdly, 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 proposed development site is only seventy metres away from our stock and domestic bore and twenty metres away from a stock water supply dam. 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

Fourthly, 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.

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

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>