

## HUME NORTH BESS, ALBURY, NSW

74MW/148MWh battery and associated infrastructure  
(Notice of Exhibition says 75 MW /150 Mwh + associated infrastructure)

Infrastructure Capital Services Pty Ltd  
Trout Farm Road, Lake Hume Village - 10 km East of Albury  
Albury City LGA  
SSD-61842974  
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/hume-north-battery-energy-storage-system>

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I object to this development including the necessity to follow a global agenda in order to achieve it. This is a **huge fire risk, inviting thermal runaway, toxic smoke and PFAS contamination.**

This is NOT sustainable as you well know and is designed to transfer wealth from Australians to overseas entities. This will contaminate our regional environment building on the “renewa-bull” systems which are already in place.

**Renewabull power is exponentially expensive, and hazardous** because of the inability of essential emergency services being allowed to attend fires, and that is a very high risk. The toxicity will contaminate the environment, and we live in a relatively toxic-free region and don’t need toxic fire risk, PFAS contamination or toxic smoke travelling for miles and miles on a breath of wind to cause health problems in thousands of people for which these companies will NEVER be liable. If they are, they’ll just sell to a friendly company and make themselves scarce and we’ll never be able to chase them for damages.

**What is in place to address these liabilities** outlined above, when these corporations on-sell several times, thus avoiding liability, and the end of project clean-up?

**Who says those companies won’t fold or bankrupt themselves** after transferring all their assets to a parent corporation some years ahead, in preparation to fold and leave the liability with the local people or LGAs?

**Why is this government persisting with the expense of these systems?**

**Why is it OK to put people living here at risk of fire, smoke and HIGH PRICES**, when for example wind turbines require coal-based power to start, and solar doesn’t work at night or on cloudy days? The whole “renewabull” thing is total madness, pushed by government officialdom who are enticed, paid off, or just too stupid to understand that we are in for blackouts because these systems cannot, in a pink fit, cover for what we had with **renewable coal**. Yes, it IS renewable, contrary to what is shoved down our throats continually by govern-mental departments and climate-change idealists out to suck every tax dollar they can from Mums and Dads of Australia.

How stupid will future generations think we were when they look at us having cut off our noses to spite our faces? This is the stupidity of this madness.

We were promised that our **power bills would DECREASE not increase**, when governments everywhere began dismantling our quite effective power structure, beginning from the old regional **County Council** system we once had.

That was “privatised” and we were told that power prices would be more competitive. **They weren’t, and aren’t!** Then, when it was further privatised, and **unbundled** as per the **global agenda**, POWER PRICES WENT UP EVEN FURTHER. Now, we are seeing the further extension of that agenda, because POWER PRICES HAVE GONE UP AGAIN, and will CONTINUE to do so.

We’re being asked to swallow the lie propagated by the UN and globalist corporations that “renewal” energy is more reliable than base-load clean burning coal. The World Bank and IMF, along with globalist corporate partners have promoted Deregulation, Privatization, Liberalization and Commodification of everything so that they could control it. Consequently, we’ve seen our utilities unbundled and bought up, and politicians have been stupid enough, or compromised with bribes etc, to accept this, when it quite clearly goes against simple common sense.

Renewables are UNRELIABLE. The lies propagated are that “Renewable” energy is more reliable than base-load clean burning coal. It is NOT.

By continuing with this lie, you are denying me, and people living in this State, and indeed, Australians, who pay taxes and generate enterprise, the right to available, constant and affordable power. You are complicit with politicians in effect murdering elderly people who die of heat and cold exposure because power is not available or affordable. This is a basic human right, and Australia, to its deep shame, no longer supplies this to its people, instead follows the dictates of globalists with another agenda.

You have stolen this right from we, the people; propagated lies, done deals with huge corporate companies, and decommissioned productive land in order to fill with solar panels which don’t work to capacity when it’s too hot or cloudy, or dark. Unsightly wind towers manufactured in China mostly have been, and are being, put on productive land, or now, planned to be just offshore our beautiful coasts.

The stupidity of AGL last year offering a great deal to **EV owners to charge AT NIGHT for as low as \$5 AT NIGHT**. How stupid is this? The sun don’t shine at night, but we should all charge our highly flammable “slow-to-go-anywhere” EV’s AT NIGHT, for a DISCOUNT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Have you ever seen anything so stupid?

Turbines and solar set-ups kill or disorient birds; turbines don’t work when it’s too windy, and solar systems don’t work when it’s too hot or not to capacity when cloudy anyhow. Electric vehicles are inefficient, and will take years to become efficient. People want to charge them at night, when solar does not generate. They have proven lethal to emergency services workers being electrocuted when helping at accident scenes. It takes days to go where normal cars take hours to go, and the disposal of the batteries and componentry will be a nightmare. Overseas, insurance

companies will not insure EVs, and multi-level car-parks are having the same problem, as the EVs catch fire, then catch cars, can't be extinguished, and just have to be left to burn out.

Nothing compares to coal, which is actually much cleaner than you would have us believe with the technology we now have. It is also affordable, and **people need affordable power, RELIABLE baseload power.** We don't need you stealing assets of people, **because this is a basic right we once enjoyed and contributed to.** Now, it's commoditised to the point of "structural adjustment" (another UN term), whereby small businesses are going out of business because their power bills are too high. This is THEFT, and no politician should be complicit in promoting it, and this project **should not be allowed to go ahead** because it will most certainly cost much more than is projected, and at the end of the day, the consumer will be required to pay for it.

Worse still is the fact that our ELECTRICITY PRICES are being MANIPULATED UPWARDS because owners of these corporate power companies are recharging them on coal-fired baseload power in the middle of the day, and manipulating the market by holding back on selling it until peak power load demand, when they sell at a really high price. This escalates the price for everyone, because the highest price is the value parameter which becomes the criteria which sets the price for everyone.

This is **MARKET MANIPULATION** and should be treated in the same way as **INSIDER TRADING.** It is **CORRUPT**, unconscionable, and corporate theft, aided and abetted by Governments.

Last year at a hospital in WA was not running its heating because it was too expensive, and people were cold. That's OK on the altar of stupidity, which apparently is renewable many times over.

**Furthermore, what are these corporates being paid for the unreliable, "renewable" power, compared with those who have solar on their roofs feeding into the grid? Please answer me that?**

I don't believe you can answer, because again, **it is Anti-Competitive and these corporates, in cahoots with our own governments, are price-gouging. Corporates have their hands in many government pockets (how many kick-backs are in the system???), and are extorting the Australian people in various ways, not the least by denying them the same feed-in tariffs guaranteed to the corporations.**

**They are receiving PREFERENTIAL TRADING benefits, which is against the intent of the Trade Practices Act/Competition and Consumer Act, States Fair Trading and Consumer Affairs legislation and even the Paris Agreement sets out that food security should not be threatened by these projects – and yet, we blatantly disregard this, to our own detriment, entombing and contaminating land.**

They've been allowed to set up on productive land, or land close to towns where they're close to existing power stations, instead of making them set up on vacant land well away from towns, and having to foot the bill for the lines to the feed-in points. But instead, it's being subsidised to the extreme by those who can least afford it, while these huge corporates receive subsidies. This Hume BESS is very close to Lake Hume Village and not far from Albury.

Worse than that is our reliance on slave labour for the componentry, and on Chinese manufacturing – at a time when top military people are cautioning us about the CCP. However, it's OK to allow the CCP to own a good slab of our energy infrastructure? Again this is madness, and is a **threat to our food and energy security** in itself, therefore, as it follows, our national security. With base-load coal, we pay Australians to work in coal-mines and power-plants, we do not need to rely on child/slave labour, which is apparently OK by the UN/global Gobbleopoly. With base-load coal, we do not threaten our small business / manufacturing / farming / entrepreneurial sectors, nor have to shut down heating or air-conditioning in hospitals, or “share” domestic and industrial power by turning off our appliances, manufacturing plants, or air-conditioning/heating.

Remember, Warren Buffet said that “renewables” were not worth investing in – **UNLESS they were subsidised**. So, who are we fooling.

Blind Freddy can see that it would be better, if we want to follow the solar route, to put solar panels on existing roofs, and just pay the people. However, the goal is more about control, and stealing from the Australian people – a wealth transfer. Also, we now know that coal is actually a RENEWABLE resource.

I object to this madness; this crueling of small business with high prices and **inconsistent power supply**; forcing people to go without reliable power, battling heat and cold extremes, sometimes ending in death which is just **murder by proxy** for which people need to be accountable.

I object. This is unacceptable, and should be a non-starter.

What really gets up my nose is that this is already a DONE DEAL – all this is just to PRETEND THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME SORT OF CONSULTATIVE PROCESS in order to tick Governmental and environmental boxes while they shaft the people.

You – Governments, Corporations, Bureaucrats and Individuals – are on notice. When the world turns and realises what you have all done – there WILL be repercussions, and YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELVES WARNED. At that time, expect to be dealt with in the courts of our land, which themselves have been corrupted, but may very well be cleaned up by then, and which will impose heavy penalties and very long jail sentences for those involved in this corruption.

Please think very carefully about going ahead with this theft and corruption. If you continue, and the above eventuates in your lifetime, you will only have yourselves to blame.

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