

Appendix : Community Concerns

The concerns below were delivered to the Albury City Councillors for discussion with the Executive. A Lake Hume resident summary of the proposal is also presented.

The opening statement is:

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Albury City Councillors for discussion with the Executive.

1. Why approve a project with a small benefit of labour and site preparation, when it will:
 - i. Destroy “the unique landscape “ and “interface with nature” on Albury’s best tourist loop drive?
 - ii. Risk loss of patronage of the Lake Hume Village tourist businesses (Resort {weddings}, Tourist Park, Restaurant and Café) and financial income,
 - iii. Cause major traffic/noise disruption to Lake Hume Village tourists, possibly during peak during peak holiday periods,
 - iv. Risk BESS incidents requiring evacuation (eg 2013 Hydro transformer fire) if any incidents occur during operations
 - v. Adjacent Zoned RU 5 land with a previous Development Application, and subdivision on it is consistent with the (2024) plans.
2. Why allow irreversible destruction of land with an outstanding location, views and biodiversity (including birdlife and squirrel gliders)
3. Why is it essential for Foresight to **discard their current approved site immediately across the road**; and seek another location, particularly on the Albury TransGrid substation – Lake Hume Village power line?

Neither of these aspects have been justified reasoning for either at appropriate detailed considering the extent of the impact on the Lake Hume Village, or wider Albury community.

- 4 How is this going to affect adjacent agricultural land (management, profitability and land value)? For example:
 - impact on an abutting established profitable agricultural business (family business for 105 years)
 - effect on our breeding stock (mothering changes etc)

- impact on our the rural landscape

5 If built, what restrictions could be introduced effecting future development on the LEP (2010) RU5 zoned adjacent Hawksview/Webb family land (approx 11ha)

6. The proposed site is steep on the western down slope side to the Trout Farm (TF). The BESS layout is almost to the boundary fence, The small retention basin is at the boundary. How can the proponent and operator ensure that;

- excess runoff from the near complete paved site does not spill high volumes/high energy water onto TF land causing erosion and land change?
- contain contaminated water as a result of BESS fire does not
 - pass onto TF land?
 - the wetland and Ibis rookery between the TF and the Murray River. This floods during irrigation flows? Imagine the runoff if such a fire occurred during a storm event! The roadside cut out there year following heavy rain.

A Lake Hume resident summary of the proposal

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Proposed Batteries are totally in the wrong place.

- A) The Project is in a location abuts RU 5 Zoned land identified by Albury City as a Lake / Riverside village which they intend to develop in the future. ACCC LSP and RME Existing Hawksview DA
- B) Elevate it tourist destination for Visit Albury / Wodonga.
- B) It poses a huge fire risk and environmental disaster to a pristine area, business operations at the at LHV which includes the Murray River, Albury's primary supply. LSPS, RME & Towards 20250
- C) Not a renewable energy project like BEES No 1, rather a profitable business venture, that passes the costs to the LHV and Albury community and take the profits, likely overseas

D) More of an Industrial enterprise!