

Dear Ms/Sir

Project: Mayfair Solar Works and BESS

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mayfair-solar-farm>

My objections to this project, which the developer has not addressed, are that:

It is environmentally damaging

All eco-systems are in balance. Most animals are territorial. Removing part of the habitat or a species upsets this balance. The removed or diminished number of various species cannot just be relocated and be expected to survive. Species are also seasonal. Some water birds and plants only appear for a period when temporary wetlands occur after periods of heavy rain.

The focus on threatened and endangered species of flora or fauna ignores the inter-relationships of all plants and animals in a location. Remove top predators such as eagles, kites, bats, owls and hinder larger animals, such as kangaroos, from food, water and breeding grounds then the local environment will suffer. The cumulative impact will be to risk not just existing endangered species but cause other species to eventually be threatened in a local environmental area.

Reduction or total removal of species will result in farmers or others being impacted by more frequent plagues as insects and rodents that will not be kept naturally in check.

Instead of mitigations, such as the purchase biodiversity certificates, will the Proponent establish 100% - 200% new and extended native habitat on the land they hope to acquire?

More renewables have resulted in higher electricity bills

There is no evidence that electricity bills will not continue to rise. The last decade or so has seen reliable 24/7 power plants close down and renewables become a greater share of the electricity generation system. Yet all I have experienced for several years is year on year increases in my net electricity bills and multiple blackouts and brownouts in summer and winter.

The Proponent offers no proof that my bills will not rise even more if their project proceeds, let alone drop back by 50% or more to get back to where I was a few years ago. Also, I don't consent to my taxes subsidising the project. Will the Proponent convince me otherwise?

It is an unsustainable consumption of resources

While concerned about the reduction in land use by this project I am also very concerned with all the significant increased mining, processing, overseas manufacturing, sea and land transport involved in the making the components for the project and then the construction activities. Such consumption of resources on a cumulative basis is unsustainable. In addition, there is the increase in greenhouse emissions leading up to the project being commissioned.

Your sincerely

An Unhappy Gulgong Resident

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