## Wattle Creek BESS, NSW

Wattle Creek Battery Energy Storage System Development of a 350MW/1400MWh battery energy storage facility with associated infrastructure.

Upper Lachlan Shire SSD-63345458 EPBC ID Number - 2024/09970 Assessment Type: State Significant Development Development Type: Electricity Generation - Other

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## EPBC

This project is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and will be assessed under the bilateral agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments, or an accredited assessment process. For more information, refer to the Australian Government's <u>website</u>.

Applicant: Not listed on portal – why is it being hidden?

I object to this development including the necessity to follow a global agenda in order to achieve it. 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 the Upper Lachlan is a relatively toxic-free region and doesn't need toxic fire risk, 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.

Why is this government persisting with the expense of these systems? Why is it OK to put people living regionally at risk of fire, smoke and HIGH PRICES, when for example wind turbines require coal-based power to start? The whole 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, or what we could build from coal, as China is doing.

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 "renewable" 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 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 it's deep shame, no longer supplies this to it's people, instead follows the dictates of globalists with another agenda.

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. Also, we now know that coal is actually a RENEWABLE resource.

I object to this madness; this cruelling of small business with high prices and inconsistent power supply; forcing people to go without 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, unreliable, unaffordable, environmentally destructive infrastructure and should be a non-starter. It simply is NOT in Australia's best interests.

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 railroad the people living in the regional areas.

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