

Due 20/6/25

State Significant Development

Exhibition

Brewongle Solar Farm (& BESS!!)

Bathurst Regional

The construction, operation and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic energy generating facility with an associated **battery energy storage system** (90MW / 360MWh)

Project Details

Application Number	SSD-64834490
Assessment Type	State Significant Development
Development Type	Electricity Generation - Solar
Local Government Areas	Bathurst Regional
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OBJECTION:

I object to industrial solar factories and BESS's being spread all over Australian territory to visually ruin, and actually poison or set fire to the countryside, when they are NOT even able to provide stable base-line power, nor will they lower our power bills, as we have been continually lied to about.

Despite some **Purveyors of Toxic Poisons - PTP's** claiming they only use Tier 1 panels that don't have PFAS or PFOS in them, there is good evidence that they are cheating, and advertising they're tier one, but they are the ones using Uyghur slave labour to build them.

PFAS and PFOS are banned in Australia from next month, and it is a condition that **slave labour** is NOT used in componentry of solar panels, and yet, here we are, ignoring BOTH.

The **PPT's - Poison Polluting Toxins** - from these solar suckers are now being promoted as being OK to graze sheep under because there is a "drip-line" of moisture watering the ground around them. We can look forward to PFAS/PFOS PPT's (Poison Polluting Toxins) in our food supply, in our water supplies, in the great artesian basin, and affecting our health, livestock health, soil health etc. This is NOT safe. **What bonds are being taken to offset this PPT damage?**

The foreign manufacturing and ownership, particularly by Chinese companies which have some CCP ownership, is a matter of National Security for Australia.

Our power grid is being set up so as not to be SECURE by any means. Reuters in May **reported that China has a kill-switch embedded into Chinese manufactured components, that sensors have been discovered in solar panels and power transformers etc**, which would allow the **CCP to shut down the whole grid remotely**.

This is a matter of NATIONAL SECURITY particularly in light of current world events and instability. We CANNOT have such heavy foreign ownership – and control – of our power grid.

Nobody is giving consideration to the masses of Ruin-a-Bull establishments beside each other, as they are being “approved” on a one by one basis, without considering the CUMULATIVE effect they will have on areas, particularly rural areas. The infrastructure and ability of Rural Fire Brigades to handle fires as a result of these Ruin-a-Bulls going up in flames is only being considered in light of ONE, ie the one being considered, rather than the WHOLE BANG LOT WHEN THEY ARE JOINED TOGETHER.

What annual subscriptions are being mandated towards local RFS brigades? What bonds are being taken to offset fire risks, especially when fires rage across many properties? There needs to be at least **\$1b** taken in bonds up front, because not even that will pay for damages done, especially over time, with the risks to human and livestock health, and poisoning of soils and water. These will be huge FUTURE COSTS, and anyone with concerns about this is just being bulldozed over.

On no account should these go ahead, unless a hefty BOND is taken – and I’m talking \$1b per Ruin-a-bull establishment, because the future payouts are going to be phenomenal.

At the moment our governments are wilfully ignoring their own **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY RULES**, and enabling energy companies to do the same. Currently, you/they are all operating (unlawfully) outside of these rules! The rules state that we must have an energy grid and service that is **secure, reliable, safe and affordable**.

We don’t have this, and we’ve just been told in a major report that the cost of energy is going up BECAUSE of renewables.

These are enough concerns, but there are many more.

I do not consent to these PPT’s (poison polluting toxins) damaging our landscape, soil and water, or becoming the **asbestos of the future** because of the damage to our health which will not show up for many years.

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