

Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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**Inquiry Into Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2025.**

Submission to The State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee.

Dear Committee Members,

We are a part of a group of FOOD PRODUCERS in the Callide Valley that have been fighting an industrial solar factory (Smoky Creek proposed by edify energy) for coming up seven years. It is on PRIME FOOD PRODUCING LAND which Queensland only has 2.5% of it's area. As direct neighbours we were notified by a mailbox drop, the company didn't take the time to ring or call in to tell us. No community meeting was ever held even though they had a newspaper article saying there would be.

We have written well over 400 letters to all three levels of government, government departments, bureaucrats and been to government run REZ workshops with no suitable answers or results ever supplied. We also have written via a solicitor to the company edify energy in October 2021 outlining our concerns with this project and still to this date have not received a reply.

- I would like to strongly suggest a public hearing to be held in the electorate of Flynn where there are over 80 renewable and associated projects. There are no benefits for us living next door to these projects, there is no compensation, no opportunity to object and no obligation for these companies to address any of our issues such as devaluation and pollution.
- We as neighbours get no benefit at all, just become collateral damage and have our lively hoods ruined. There are no organisations or body to pull these mostly overseas companies up. And they just don't care. They take the money do the paperwork and then sell it on to another overseas company.
- Look where these REZ zones along on the eastern seaboard are, all on our prime food producing land. Why are they not putting them on substandard soil, out the back of Bourke etc.
- No one pulls up these companies lies, whether it's government or media. People in the cities don't care. They see it as "GREEN" and as it is not affecting them they think it is great.
- There is no extra work for the locals. These companies bring in their own workers and put them in camps. When the project is completed they move onto the next camp. An example at the end of the day on a \$2.5 billion solar project they will only offer 20 low paid full-time jobs.

- Presently in Europe, micro plastics are being found in meat products some undoubtedly coming from shedding of wind turbine blades. We as producers will have our carcasses condemned at the meatworks due to no fault of our own but because of the host next door. This will also extend to the nasties in solar panels and batteries. Who is going to compensate us?
- This whole business has been set up to allow these projects to have free rein to come into a community and are exempt from all the rules all other developments have, no EIS no REEF RULES, no TREE CLEARING rules and worst of all NO Law Enforcement agency to TO PROSECUTE THEM.
- Even this inquiry submission our local state member forwarded it to us with five days before it closes.

In Conclusion

Our opinion is that **all projects** should be put on pause and made to go back to the beginning with a much more stringent approval process. In this process they would have to prove that they have actually done the steps they are claiming to have done and are signed off by an overseeing committee.

At the moment it is a blind rush, where nothing is checked just to get the projects started, so it appears things are happening.

Yours sincerely

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