

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

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### Submitter Comments:

As a resident from a regional community in Queensland I am very concerned about all the big solar installations, Battery Energy Storage Systems, wind turbines, and hydro projects popping up everywhere. The community is not happy about these developments because we fear it will damage the environment, contaminate soil and water, and cause noise and visual pollution. Basically, we don't want to be surrounded by these installations. Our pristine mountain ranges are facing destruction on a level I never believed could be possible to install foreign owned, inefficient and intermittent wind turbines. Wildlife in these areas are being destroyed and even if they do survive the destruction from the installation period they will not be able to continue to exist near the turbines due to the noise, lights and vibrations. Surely this Queensland Government does not want to be the Government in charge during the period of unquestionably the largest environmental destruction being undertaken by foreign companies (at tax payers expense) on Australia soil. We are living in areas of prime agricultural land being covered in large scale solar projects in areas of extreme weather events. The threat to our soil and water ways from chemicals leeching from any damaged panels during these extreme storms is a risk that should not be acceptable. Residents of regional communities feel ignored and forced and to live with these large scale projects and facing a future of having devalued properties and heightened fire and contamination risks. Renewable energy transition is causing a major divide between urban and regional areas with regional residents being forced to live with the results of what urban residents do not want "in their backyard". I have watched a local large scale solar installation (foreign owned) being built. They have entered neighbours properties (without knowledge or approval) and bulldozed their adjoining fences without any consultation or concerns with stock containment. They have provided NO local employment but bought their own heavy equipment, operators and installation personnel from out of the area. They have ignored the Council's planning authorisation and have built an 8 foot industrial fence topped with barbed wire neighbouring rural properties. They have ignored the requirement of screening and without community consultation have changed from fixed to rotational panels causing glare issues to neighbours. As a regional resident on acreage we are required to adhere to many regulations and we aim to always improve our land and waterways, protect our environment and wildlife. Please stand by your regional residents and don't sacrifice us on the alter of the ideological "green energy dream" that is being proven not to work throughout the world. Please let Queensland be the energy powerhouse of this country through the use of coal, gas and moving into nuclear. Thank you for your time.