

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

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I am a direct neighbour to [REDACTED]. For the past 11 months we have been involved in a fight for our property rights after a Global overseas company came onto our land and removed our boundary fence and cleared a good 4-6 metres of our land all without our knowledge or consent. They held a community meeting weeks after we had our property rights trampled over and when confronted at that meeting, we were asked “had we never made a mistake before?”

The mental health, anxiety, time and expenses this fight has cost our family is abhorrent. It has left a very bad taste in our mouths with anything related to renewable energy and our lack of support from the state government. No landowner should have to endure what we have had to.

The company is in breach of Council DA as they didn't follow their own plans submitted to council. Our farm fence should never have been touched and instead it was removed without our knowledge or consent and burnt and a 1.8 metre chain link wire fence with a bent barb wire top protruding into our land. It is such an easy fix and we are left bewildered how it has been allowed to get to this stage.

We have not been offered any compensation at all for the damage and the huge devastating impacts associated with the devaluation of our land.

The company's own glare study shows that their approval in 2024 to change from fixed array to tracking array will affect our property directly, yet we have been told they will not consider any compensation until we provide our house plans to them.

We have tried many avenues for help and support and it keeps falling on deaf ears. There is no protection for direct neighbours suffering impacts from these projects.

As a Safety and Rescue professional, I am astounded at the lack of legislation surrounding these projects.

As a rescue volunteer, I am astounded at the lack of training for the teams having to face emergencies on these sites.

How are these companies allowed to get away with such destruction of neighbouring properties with no accountability?

Why are local and state governments allowing industrial projects in rural residential zoning?

What is government doing to help communities being over run by these unethical companies?

Are government aware of the mental health issues these projects are putting on affected communities.

In conclusion I believe a moratorium should be called on ALL projects until legislation has been put in place and issues have been sorted. We live in fear that the company will continue on as it has done for the past 11 months with no accountability and then walk away leaving us with our issue unresolved.

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