

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

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To Whom It May Concern;I am gravely concerned about the amount of solar and wind farms as well as lithium battery storage facilities being proposed for our small community Gin Gin and the greater Bundaberg/ Gladstone Regions. While net zero emissions is a rather lofty goal to combat climate change, the impact that these projects are having or could have on our agricultural land is absolutely devastating. The solar farm in Bucca is an eyesore to the neighbouring properties and it has removed a large swathe of very fertile land from agricultural use. I am also concerned by the runoff from these panels into the Bucca River and surrounding cattle properties. My other major concern is the two BESS facilities proposed on the banks of Lake Monduran a water source for the Bundaberg Region. These BESS applications are also being made in bushfire prone areas, if these were to catch fire they would potentially burn for weeks shutting down the Bruce Highway and our town of Gin Gin. The idea of possibly contaminating the lake with lithium for 2 hours of electricity a day to be sent to Gladstone is absolutely baffling. The impact a fire would have at one of these facilities would be devastating to the community, rendering many farms in the surrounding area and down stream from the lake unliveable and the land would become unusable. The area is also home to many endangered species such as koalas. Why is nothing being done to protect their habitat? I have found the social, emotional and mental toll these projects have had on our community have been huge. Many people are extremely concerned and scared by the possibility of a bush fire in one of these locations and how that could impact the livelihood of many businesses in town that would need to close for several weeks while the fire burns. I am also greatly concerned by the lithium smoke and how that would impact myself and my young children, as these facilities are being proposed only 19km out of Gin Gin. I hope this government does all it can to protect the mental and physical health of its constituents as well as the fauna living in these areas that are greatly impacted. Green energy is not necessarily clean energy. Please rethink this renewable rollout.

Kind regards,