

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

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I am writing to you to express my concerns about the current trajectory that the Federal government has our country on. There is nothing sustainable, environmentally friendly, safe, or transparent about the renewable projects that are being rolled out. I, as are many other Queenslanders, are being surrounded by these renewable or proposed renewable projects. Everyone that I talk to that has had to deal with the renewable energy developers have had a horrible experience. Deceit, lies, gross misconduct, cover ups and blatant disregard for the immediate landholders is rampant. I have first handedly seen the direct and blatant lack of consideration for the environment. You must understand that we are not getting enhanced environmental outcomes. Thousands of acres of natural vegetation is being destroyed under our watch and endangered and critically endangered species are not even being mentioned in the assessments being provided to the local councils in the DA submissions. There needs to be no delusion in the fact that there is currently NO enhanced environmental outcomes that are happening. We are allowing the destruction of the environment in the name of trying to save the environment. These foreign multi national companies are scaring our land and leaving a massive mess for the future generation to clean up, all while Australian residents are left with intermittent unreliable power and a huge bill on national debt. At the moment, these Developers look like they have free reign to "just get the projects going" without the proper and comprehensive checks and validations being conducted and verified, Proper engagement with the immediate community (not trying to get community engagement from over 50km away) just to build "Positive community engagement", I am about 1.6km from the corner of a proposed project and the simply ignore every risk I raise with them or fail to deal with it. These reckless renewable cowboys must be reigned in before every Australian has to deal with the consequences and aftermath. Landholders need rights and protection because we are being silenced, bullied, ignored, and played as fools, depending on what the renewable energy company chooses at the time. The neighbors to these projects are being walked all over and treated as if we are stupid. I personally had a developer employee tell me that I might even like looking at possible up to 500,000 solar panels because "it will look like a big body of water" and that would be nice to look at. No, no it won't and there's much, much more to consider rather than simply saying it'll look like water. That's a load of rubbish. Every proposed project needs to be immediately stopped until there is suitable regulations in place to restrict these cowboys from bullying their way into our communities. This includes every renewable project that is with councils and not yet approved. I truly hope that heavy consideration will be given to implementing a "cease in approvals" in Queensland for all renewable projects until there is suitable and specific regulatory frameworks in place to control what could possibly be described as the greatest destruction of environment and local communities that we have recently seen. Regards Jade Burrell