

2/09/2024

**Laura Kerber**  
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Dear Laura,

**RE: CROWN DA 24019147 - ROBERTSTOWN EAST SOLAR – RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION**

The public exhibition/consultation period commenced on Wednesday 24 July 2024 and closed at COB Wednesday 21 August 2024.

**SUBMISSION - IAN MCDONALD**

Ian McDonald (Ian's) lodged three separate submissions titled Solar Farms (15/08/24), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (15/08/24) and High Voltage (HV) Electricity Transmission (06/08/24) objecting to the project primarily because he believes the project will cause harm to the rural landscape, farming land and the natural environment.

**GENERAL RESPONSE TO IAN'S SUBMISSION**

The applicant's general response to the submission is:

1. Ian's address is Walcha NSW and based on the information provided Ian does not live in the vicinity of the project.
2. The objection is essentially an argument against renewable energy not specifically against the project.
3. No objection from the local community was received during the public exhibition/consultation period.
4. The project received Department for Energy and Mining crown sponsorship providing in principle support for the project recognising the possible environmental and community issues that would need to be addressed through the development assessment process.
5. The planning report lodged in support of the DA:
  - identified and analysed the potential impacts of the project on the physical environment as well as social, cultural and health impacts and identified established and well accepted mitigation measures to reduce any potential impact of the project.
  - determined the project is consistent with the relevant strategic and statutory provisions; will include mitigation measures for potential hazards; will not result in

significant environmental impacts; is suitable at the proposed site; and is in the public interest.

6. On-Ground consultation was held on Thursday 1 August 2024 at the Robertstown Peace Hall between 10am – 2pm followed by consultation with Goydor Council representatives including the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure & Technical Services and Director of Community Engagement & Development (also acting CEO). A summary of the consultation was provided to PLUS on the 06/08/24. Overall the attendees and Council remain supportive of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information to clarify or expand on the issues addressed in the submissions.

Based on this general response to the submission the applicant respectfully requests the project be approved.

Kind regards,



**Steve McCall**

**Director**

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**SUBMISSION - LYNETTE LABLACK**

Lynette LaBlack (Lynette) lodged an on-line submission plus e-mails, articles from a range of sources and photos objecting to the project, renewable energy in general and climate change policy e.g. Net Zero.

Lynette's concerns include - the unreliability and limits of renewable energy including large scale solar and BESS; not in the interest of consumers; will destroy jobs; AEMO information is flawed; contamination; fire hazard; heat island effect; promotes slave labour supply chains; adverse impact to agricultural/food resource land; adverse visual impact to the landscape; increase to GHG submissions; foreign threat to energy security; no social licence; and unnecessary transmission line development.

Lynette favours low emission coal power stations and nuclear power.

**GENERAL RESPONSE TO LYNETTE'S SUBMISSION**

The applicant's general response to the submission is:

1. Lynette's postal address is Lake Albert in NSW and based on the information provided Lynette does not live in the vicinity of the project.
2. No objection from the local community was received during the public exhibition/consultation period.
3. The project is being developed in accordance with current Federal and State government policy.
4. The objection is essentially an argument against renewable energy in favour of low emission coal power stations and nuclear power. The development of low emission coal power stations and nuclear power are not part of the current Federal and State government energy policies.

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