

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
ZONES (REZ) ON RURAL AND REGIONAL
COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Dear Committee Members,

I own a property at _____ I purchased the property several years to farm and to build my retirement home on due to the tranquility and views of the area. The land is of good farming/grazing country.

Since buying this property it is now proposed to put two battery sites within a couple of kilometres of my property. A further battery project to the west of me just south of Tamworth and a three thousand acre solar and battery farm behind me. Now my neighbour's on the eastern side tell me that a solar power company wishes to put at least 50 acres of solar panels (and or buy their 430 acre farm) to put no doubt more than 50 acres of panels on. Several kilometres to the east of my farm it is proposed to run the new transmission lines from the New England Renewable Zone to the Hunter Valley. All of this is on productive agricultural land.

I may be a whingeing, however it does appear to me that no matter what direction I look north south east and west there is a renewable energy project covering the landscape. Apart from the hideous site of these things there is the danger with the batteries and fire danger so close to Tamworth and the acid runoff leaching into the waterway of the Peel River that supplies drinking water to Tamworth.

Then there is for me personally the insurance cost. If my neighbour's are seduced by the money for the solar project on their property and a fire starts on my place and burns them out I am bankrupt! on the spot.

It is not just here but when I travel around and speak with farmers I know elsewhere they are all hosting wind turbines or have them on neighbour's properties. My point is this. If all these projects are covering this much land and affecting so many people with a population of 27 million in this country, what is going to happen when we have 40 million people. Then, I repeat then they will have to have solar and wind projects on Bondi Beach! - But I bet they won't.

There must be a better way a better technology - I know it already exists its called Nuclear. Start building them NOW.

Yours faithfully