

I would like to make a comment about the inconvenient times and dates of the hearings: a lot of local residents were unable to attend due to it being school holidays and/or work commitments.

I also feel like any responses regarding the plan of action in the event of a fire at the BESS were not detailed enough.

There is not enough clarity of how the contaminated water used in the event of the fire would be disposed of and how the applicant is planning on reducing the amount of damage that could be caused by toxic fires fumes to the local wildlife and the residents.

There was not enough evidence submitted regarding the applicant contacting local residents via mail detailing every step of the process and how it would affect them directly, especially residents who's properties would be bordering the solar farms.

The language used has been misleading, especially any phrases such as "this development could power X amount of homes" should not be used, unless the energy will be used to power residents homes and reduce their electricity bill. The applicant should state EXACTLY what the energy will be used for, or most likely to be used for.

In order to justify the need for such a big development, the applicant should be transparent in what research has been done and what calculations have been made to conclude that there is the projected need for this energy.