

To the Commissioners
Independent Planning Commission of NSW

Dear Commissioners,

My name is [REDACTED], and I reside at [REDACTED], **Kingswood NSW**, where I live with my husband [REDACTED]. We are aged **68 and 75** respectively. I am writing this submission on behalf of both of us to formally object to the proposed **Kingswood Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**.

As part of our planned retirement, and due to the declining health and mobility of my husband, we made the decision to sell the home we built and the rural property we developed after my retirement from teaching. Our intention was to relocate closer to medical services and family support, which has become increasingly necessary as my husband's ability to walk continues to deteriorate.

Our property has been on the market since **July 2024**. During this time, we secured a buyer who entered into a **six-month delayed settlement**. With only two weeks remaining before completion, the purchaser withdrew explicitly due to concerns about the proposed Kingswood BESS. Since that time, we have lost **three further potential sales**, all of which were directly attributable to the presence and uncertainty of the BESS proposal.

This development has therefore caused us **demonstrable and ongoing financial harm**, and has effectively prevented us from executing our retirement and health-related relocation plans.

In **July 2024**, we were approached by [REDACTED], who advised he was working for [REDACTED]. During this interaction, [REDACTED] spoke at length about his own experience of being affected by wind turbines near Orange, expressing sympathy for our situation. He acknowledged that due to our elevated position overlooking the proposed site, **effective mitigation of visual and noise impacts would be extremely difficult**, and advised that the only option available would be tree planting, which he conceded would not provide a comprehensive or effective solution.

Despite this acknowledgement, [REDACTED] insisted on sending us a **Deed** for our consideration, encouraging us to sign it and, in his words, "just throw it in a drawer so you have it." We refused to sign the document. I have attached the Deed referenced for the Commission's review.

We were deeply concerned and disappointed by the contents of this Deed, particularly **Clause 9 (Caveat)**, which we believe places unreasonable and long-term restrictions on our property. We were also offered financial payments of [REDACTED]. These sums do not begin to compensate for the loss in property value, loss of saleability, or the forced disruption of our retirement

and family support plans.

In addition to our own circumstances, we note that our directly visible neighbour is situated between the proposed Kingswood BESS and the Calala BESS, which is already under construction. From our home, we will be environmentally impacted by **multiple large-scale battery facilities**, creating an unacceptable cumulative impact on amenity, wellbeing, and safety.

Given these circumstances, we respectfully ask that the Commission **visit our property in person** to fully understand the topography, sightlines, and proximity involved.

If the Commission is minded to approve the Kingswood BESS despite community objection, we strongly request that serious consideration be given to relocating the facility to the **front and right side of the subject property**, adjacent to the proposed Tamworth BESS and opposite the Transgrid substation.

We also formally request that **construction traffic be prohibited from using Whitehouse Lane and Ascot Calala Road**, and instead be directed from the **New England Highway via Burgmann Lane**.

We respectfully ask the Independent Planning Commission to give genuine weight to the human consequences of this proposal when making its determination.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of myself and ██████████

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