



**New South Wales Government**  
Independent Planning Commission

## **TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING**

RE: DINAWAN SOLAR FARM (SSD-50725959)

### **STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

PANEL: SUELLEN FITZGERALD (Chair)  
SIMON SMITH

STAKEHOLDER: JEANINE BIRD

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

DATE: 10:00AM – 12:30PM  
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**<THE MEETING COMMENCED**

**MS SUELLEN FITZGERALD:** Ms Bird?

5 **MS JEANINE BIRD:** Yes.

**MS FITZGERALD:** Ms Bird?

**MS BIRD:** Hello?

10 **MS FITZGERALD:** Can you hear me, Ms Bird?

**MS BIRD:** Yes, I can.

15 **MS FITZGERALD:** Great. Great, great. We can hear you loud and clear, so thanks  
for accepting the call. Look, before we get going, I just wanted to make a brief opening  
statement. First up, I'd like to acknowledge that I'm speaking to you from Gadigal  
land, and I acknowledge the traditional owners of all of the lands from which we're  
virtually meeting today. I'd also like to pay my respects to their Elders past and  
20 present.

Today's meeting is to discuss the state significant development application for the  
Dinawan Solar Farm. My name is Suellen Fitzgerald. I'm the Chair of this Panel.  
Joining me is my fellow commissioner, Simon Smith, and staff members from the  
25 office of the Independent Planning Commission here in the room with me today.

In the interests of openness and transparency, we're recording this meeting, and a full  
transcript will be available on the Commission's website in the next few days.

30 So, Ms Bird, we've got a five-minute slot for you to talk to us today. I'll give you a  
heads up at the final one-minute mark. But, over to you.

**MS BIRD:** Well, before we get started, I'd just like to say my husband has a speaking  
spot soon after me, just –

35 **MS FITZGERALD:** Immediately, yes.

**MS BIRD:** Now, I am going to speak for him as well because he's not well.

40 **MS FITZGERALD:** Okay.

**MS BIRD:** But he's very interested in this. So, I'll just run straight through, if that's  
okay for you, with you.

45 **MS FITZGERALD:** That's absolutely fine, Ms Bird. And so, we'll extend that to a  
10-minute slot, if you need that. I'll give you a nine-minute heads up of the time. So,  
that's all good.

**MS BIRD:** Okay. Well, thank you very much for that. So, are you ready for me to start, I'm hoping that I get through it.

5 **MS FITZGERALD:** I'll give you a heads up as we go through the time, Ms Bird, so please, what would you like to tell us today?

10 **MS BIRD:** Well, regretfully, I'm here today to say that it's no longer in our interest to be polite, civil, courteous, diplomatic or conciliatory. We are done being polite and well mannered. We're being trampled left, right and centre, battered and macerated and spat out just like the eagles and other birds being pulverised in the bird-blender wind turbines.

15 Why should we be conciliatory and diplomatic when we're being forced to accept toxic [unintelligible 00:03:01] blowing around the countryside from these bird blenders? Why be polite about the risk of toxic PFAS and PFOS from solar panels, or broken glass on grazing grounds, which would render it useless after a hailstorm?

20 Why bow down to having our aquifer poisoned with these PFAS from solar panels disintegrating? Why is it okay for people in the bush to be loaded up with all this environmental pollution you're imposing on us in the insane name of saving the environment?

25 Why is it okay to add more un-renewables when after hailstorms people with rooftop solar are told not to drink their rainwater? Why is it deliberate secret energy business policy of no testing for contamination in creeks, waterways and storages near these industrial monstrosities?

30 Why is it okay to ignore all the calamities already in Australia – hailstorms, solar panels with runoff and erosion, and solar BESS and bird blender fires and associated [unintelligible 00:03:55] contamination? Why is it okay that more forever chemicals can leach into our soils and groundwaters and waterways? Why is it compulsory to go to extraordinary lengths to remove asbestos in renovations, and yet where forever chemicals are allowed to leach away without regard for our health or any testing or responsibility taken for this totally known asbestos of the future.

35 What is there left to be polite about? On what planet do you kill the environment and its people in order to save the environment? We are sick of seeing lots of submissions ignored, submissions highlighting the ridiculous threat to flora and fauna, blowing the tops off mountains with dynamite, never mind the koala, roos and bird collateral damage. What about the ancient trees, bush, waterways, subsoil and aquifers? There's no protection from these un-renewables.

45 Bird blending wind towers can munch up and kill birds, yet if a farmer shoots an eagle killing lambs, he can be fined anywhere from eight to \$40,000, jailed for up to 24 months or both. Who cares if hail hits solar panels and sheep and roos get their mouths cut to pieces by the shattered glass? Who cares when the land is useless as grazing or cropping land again? There's no forethought or responsibility for our health or that of the environment in the contamination of our countryside.

5 Coal was never this destructive. Coal mines must pay bonds upfront, yet these  
multinationals globalopolies get away with zilch, nothing in place to pay for their  
destruction or clean up. Our politicians have let us down, they're either stupid, on the  
take or following our UN Marxists to the detriment of we, the dispensable Aussie  
people.

10 We are cutting off our nose to spite our face, and what's going on here is exactly the  
same as our water in the Murray Darling Basin Authority. When it gets too hot in the  
kitchen from one authority, it gets passed to another authority, and then another. Buck  
passing to avoid responsibility. And the IPCN is one of those authorities. And you can  
pass the buck and wipe your hands like [unintelligible 00:05:53] leaving us in the bush  
to suffer. It's no longer acceptable.

15 And you people need to take that back, but you don't, you just ignore it. And it doesn't  
matter if there's a thousand objections, these projects still get approved. If the IPC  
don't approve it, then buck pass to the Land and Environment Court to approve a  
scam.

20 What power has international corporate globalopolies got over governments,  
bureaucrats and committees? What sort of backhanders are in the system? I want to  
know all this. There's got to be something, because it doesn't pass the pub test, and I  
must say, the pub test is more stringent than any testing being applied to these toxic  
monstrosities.

25 And why are we in the bush treated as second-class citizens? Why is it okay to run  
roughshod over us, totally disregarding our opinions, feelings, proper research and  
concerns? Why is it okay to drown us in fake transparency of governmental  
departments, secret energy business, and IPCN hearings which totally disregard  
30 ordinary people who will be here long after the solar panels and wind turbines  
disintegrate and the BESS's burn down.

35 And why is it okay for these globalopolies to come out here and ruin our roads and pay  
nothing? Why do these globalopolies get away with grading roads without council  
permission and then leaving council with a \$600,000 bill for fixing it? Why aren't they  
responsible for paying for the upgrading of roads since they're used and grind into  
bulldust? What's the IPCN going to do about that? And why is it okay for ratepayers to  
foot those bills while the blow-in globalopolies promoting energy that just doesn't  
work when the sun don't shine and just can't store it for then either, drop the bills?

40 How come the energy globalopolies get to bribe councils with blood money for  
projects that'll cost billions less than the upcoming lot of liability lawsuits council will  
soon be charged with. And why do government departments and the IPCN protect the  
globalopolies rather than us? Why should ratepayers have it forced upon them by the  
45 IPCN and all the other government appointed mushroom farming committees set up to  
feed up the BS and keep us in the dark?

Just like many others, the administration of this Collie public meeting has been a disaster from go to whoa. The secret energy business was ramped up several notches with the Yanco BESS meeting, just allowing people in except for those registering to speak. And for some reason, that's become the norm.

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The totally transparent secret energy business is alive and well. And we know our governments do not want people knowing about their meetings, like the Collie one, nor hearing what others have to say, less the cosy globalopoly partnerships be exposed.

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First, it was the public that went in there, and because no one knew about it, the usual secret non-notification, not many people registered to speak. So, change it to a community meeting where no community can come. Then to a stakeholder meeting yet no stakeholders are allowed to sit in and listen, not even a microphone, it's so bloody secret.

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The energy globalopoly did not even bother turning up at the Collie meeting. And then we have this second day of paying you people to run this phone session separately from the Collie meeting where it should rightly have been held with the local community attending.

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The IPCN have successfully redefined the meaning of "public" in the public meeting space to mean strictly no public allowed. This is not just secret energy business, it's Orwellian secret energy spin. It should have been a secret day at the Collie junket instead of you all having to be paid again for another day. It's a total waste of taxpayers' money. You get paid. We don't. And regardless of the cost, these meetings should take place in the area where they're located, and locals should be allowed to see what's going on, not just a cover up.

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You have lost your social licence just as the energy globalopolies have through their shoddy activities, bribes, lies, dark do-it-and-see-forgiveness-later cowboy attitudes. This is their MO and they stick to it because they can get away with their secret energy spin and their secret energy business.

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They've been trumped in America for this, but they rain destruction on us here. This meeting was never advertised properly. The whole community could have been letterboxed, but it's secret energy business we're not supposed to know about, apparently. After the Yanco BESS meeting, I went to a ratepayers meeting, they informed me they did not know about the Yanco BESS hearing until it was all over. You'd think they would know, but they didn't, because it's secret energy business. IPCN secret energy business in this case.

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Stakeholder communities should know that it's ridiculous and shameful that we in the bush are treated like mushrooms, fed with BS and kept in the dark. We've lived this experience with water over the Murray Darling Basin plans. Squillions of meetings and commissions, yet we're never listened to. After it was introduced, the government told us, hidden away in a Constitutional Affairs inquiry, that the main reason for the Water Act and [unintelligible 00:10:25] was to give effect to relevant international agreements. That's secret water business. That was not in the best interests of the

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[unintelligible 00:10:30] but facilitated for the UN global [unintelligible 00:10:35] and water grabbing globalopolies to get control of our water. Secret energy business comes from exactly the same UN and global based globalopolies wanting to control our power grid.

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The CCP has been caught putting trafficking equipment which will allow them to turn our power grid off at their discretion. And we put up with this? It's a matter of national security. But who cares? Certainly, we're transferring wealth to international globalopolies, our power bills are rocketing because of this UN imposed un-renewable energy. And now BlackRock CEO and [unintelligible 00:11:06] Larry Fink has admitted the aggressive push to solar and wind is creating a global power shortage, resulting in skyrocketing power bills and strained energy grids. The result, the very policies promoted as green solutions are now fuelling energy crises worldwide.

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Again, on what planet do you kill the environment and its people in order to save the environment? The irony is coal is so much cheaper and available, plus it's much cleaner now. And new technology gives extremely clean and very efficient coal fired baseload energy. Power plants can be built for much less than the parallel dollar-grabbing energy sapping un-renewables where we see consequences, costs and toxins not included in the calculations of the Orwellian double-speak cheaper energy spin.

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However, we are expandable in Australia, so we're rolling out an alternate system to bankrupt our nation. The secret energy spin says it's more efficient with lower power costs from go to whoa. Councils are finding out now –

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**MS FITZGERALD:** Ms Bird, you're at the nine-minute mark. So, just one further minute to conclude your comments to us.

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**MS BIRD:** Okay. I forget where I'm up to now. Sorry. Anyway. Can I just start that minute now then?

**MS FITZGERALD:** Yes, absolutely.

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**MS BIRD:** Thank you. So, councils are finding out what many of us have been warning for years; that the global energy corporates lied to us to get their way and their beloved governmental subsidies that are necessary in order to make it pay, and mug taxpayers have to pay three times. It's secret energy spin too that we'll see 17.8 billion in private investment in our communities as a result of this un-renewable energy network. The energy companies are falling over left, right and centre and going into receivership and leaving a mess for taxpayers to pay again both with the health and clean up. It's all pie-in-the-sky, pot-of-gold-at-the-end-of-the-rainbow rubbish.

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We will get infinite multiplication of the 17.8 billion in liabilities that our local governments will be left with, meaning we foot the bill again. More arrogance and patronising by the IPCN and governments is that people living a hundred kilometres away are getting criticised and ignored for putting submissions in. They need to understand the toxic smoke from un-renewables carries for hundreds of miles. They can blow from southern Victoria up to Queensland borders if the wind conditions are

right. And we certainly get all the smoke from Victorian fires here. So, what on earth makes you people think it doesn't affect us if we live more than a hundred miles away?

5 I'm so insulted that you would even think that, and submissions from interstate get a hard time because of it. I don't want to end up with lung cancer. I don't my kids or my grandkids –

10 **MS FITZGERALD:** Thank you, Ms Bird. Thank you. We're going to have to move on. We've got other speakers coming.

**MS BIRD:** I haven't got very much to go.

15 **MS FITZGERALD:** I did hear your comments about submissions, but if you would like to make a submission with anything that you didn't get to this morning, you're welcome to make a written submission. We read all written submissions. They can come in via the portal on the website or via email. And the deadline for those is midnight on Sunday the 8th of March.

20 So, thank you for taking the time to take us through those issues this morning. We appreciate it. Thank you again.

**MS BIRD:** Well, I hope ... Because we feel very un-listened to.

25 **MS FITZGERALD:** Yes, yes. I can hear that. I can hear that. So, thank you again for taking the time. And please be assured we read all written submissions. I'd encourage you to make one, to send it through to us. Thank you, Ms Bird.

**MS BIRD:** Thank you very much.

30 **MS FITZGERALD:** Thank you.

**MR SIMON SMITH:** I hope your husband feels better soon.

**>THE MEETING CONCLUDED**