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Submission: Objection

Comments: ts important that the planned activity fits the context of the landscape. And in this case it is INAPPROPRIATE. I object on the following grounds:

>> its productive agricultural land that needs to be kept as a reserve should we need to intensify agriculture. As the "trade war" continues the need for us to maintain a self-sufficiebt food supply is clear. During the world wars we made jam from fruit bushes in the hedges. But we've ripped many of those hedges out now. The pillage of our farmland can nit continue. Once its gone its gone!

>> it poses a risk to the water supply accessed via bore holes into a ground acquifer. This is the only drinking water accessible to the local residents (humans and their animals). Are yiu going to out in water pipes to the dwellings to mitigate this?

>> it is a major fire risk. There are stories in the news right now of battery storage facilities being left to burn. If it were to catch fire the toxic pollutants it would release would pose a direct risk to those living within 100m of it.

>> it will harm the wildlife in the area. The 24 hour security lighting will modify the behaviour of nocturnal animals. Some bat species will not fly in brightly lit areas. Lighg affects prey distributions and the vulnrrability of prey to predators. There is a whole raft of research on tbis.

>> the so called "gain" projected by the BNG calculations does not provide for like for like replacement. BNG weightings favour short quick gain solutions over long term landscape enhancements.

Battery storage facilities require a 360 review of risks abd mitigations. The current system is not fit for purpose.

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