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Letter Opposing Corby BESS Project site on Kilkenny & Byrnes Rd

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear commissioners,

My name is Kylie Carpineta born, raised in Solano county. My family lives on byrnes road which could be directly affected by the BESS Project. I am writing to share my strong opposition to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project at its proposed location due to the severe contamination risks and the lack of a fire-specific decommissioning and financial assurance plan. A thermal runaway fire at a lithium-ion BESS releases extremely toxic gases, including hydrogen fluoride, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and heavy metals. In a rural residential and agricultural setting, this poses an unacceptable threat to public health, first responders, and surrounding farmland. Not only are those who live on the direct streets affected but also those in surrounding areas including leisure town where many elderly people live including my grandparents.

In addition, any water used for fire suppression becomes immediately contaminated with hazardous chemicals and dissolved metals such as nickel, cobalt, and manganese. Corby has not presented a clear, engineered, and verifiable plan for containing, storing, transporting, and properly disposing of this toxic runoff to prevent contamination of soil, groundwater, irrigation systems, and nearby agricultural land. These fires are also known to reignite days or weeks later, prolonging exposure and emergency monitoring requirements.

The current Decommissioning Plan only addresses a planned end-of-life scenario decades from now and does not address the reality of a catastrophic fire event. There is also no demonstrated financial guarantee or bonding capable of covering a multi-million-dollar hazardous remediation, structural demolition, and long-term environmental recovery. Without this, the cost and liability will ultimately fall on residents, local government, and taxpayers.

We have a recent and very real example: the January 2025 Moss Landing thermal runaway fire, where cleanup became a multi-year, EPA-overseen hazardous waste operation making it the largest of its kind in U.S. history. This proves that a BESS fire is not a “put out and move on” incident, it is a prolonged environmental disaster. Therefore I am strongly asking this to not be placed in a location that is so harmful to residents, wildlife, and the prime agricultural land.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kylie Carineta