

**SUBMISSION: Investing in cheaper, cleaner energy and the net zero transformation -
Changes to the EPBC Act for Faster Approvals**

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO EPBC Act.

I oppose the proposed amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act that aim to accelerate approval processes as identified in the suite of reforms outlined in the Productivity Commission's interim report Investing in Cheaper, Cleaner Energy and the Net-Zero Transformation.

The proposed pathways would allow certain projects to bypass the rigorous assessment processes currently mandated by the EPBC Act, while prioritising economic and energy-transition goals over environmental integrity.

My dealings with foreign based wind turbine energy generators, solar energy generators and Battery Energy Storage developers shows they already flagrantly manipulate the current approvals process to the detriment of local ecosystems, and therefore the authorities should be strengthening the EPBC Act, not diluting it.

For example, these developers already get special treatment and can bulldoze box trees and strip the soil surface which removes vulnerable species of plants and all they need to do is get an "Offset" in order to get approval.

Personally, the hoops I would have to go through to either subdivide my property or build a feedlot are greater than the constraints placed on these largely foreign developers.

The EPBC Act should be strengthened to ensure future generations get the opportunity to enjoy the threatened and endangered species and their habitats.

Sincerely

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