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The proposed sun cable project being run above ground poses multiple significant impacts on the residents, flora and fauna who are in proximity to its suggested route. These impacts include but are not limited to.

- Negative impact on property values due to the large above ground towers supporting the cable being an eye sore and taking the beauty of nature away from the properties in the Elizabeth Valley and other areas on the proposed route.
- Increased potential for lightning strikes causing wild bushfires, every year we battle bush fires through the Noonamah area caused by lightning strikes, in previous years some of these fires have gone through the valley along the Elizabeth River causing huge damage to fauna and flora as well as causing property damage and endangering lives
- Increased noise pollution due to high winds through the cables and towers disrupting the peaceful environment that we as residents all moved out to the rural to enjoy and make part of our lives.
- Risk to birds flying through the area in their natural migration route, personally I can account for 50-100 magpie geese, whistler ducks, Burdekin ducks, Jabiru's and other bird species who make my property home for large portions of the year in my paddocks, the proposed route would endanger this and have the potential to cause loss of birdlife due to collision to the lines/ towers.
- Endangerment to the habitat of animal residents that live in the area such as the Northern Quoll, Antilopine Wallaroo, wallabies, native snakes, native lizards to name a few
- The area proposed is full of cycads and would require extensive destruction of these plant.
- High potential due to the volatile market for another NT mothballed project creating eye sores and unused infrastructure, examples of these are, Project Sea Dragon Prawn Farms, African Mahogany Plantations and construction projects such as the Avenue not completing the second tower

The consultation with the residents on this project has been nil, with regard to other projects in the area such as the mango road upgrade, residents were personally visited and well communicated on the works, pamphlets and project information was attached to residents properties and community briefings were held. I work away a fair bit, and have been isolated with COVID in QLD, it was not until our local member brought this to our attention via social media that I was communicated about the proposal, as originally was still under the impression it was going to Middle Arm. I speak for myself and behalf on the residents when I say we are not against development in the NT or the project as a whole, however are strongly against the cable being installed above ground and request it be installed underground from when it leaves the Stuart Highway until it is out of any residential properties, including rural properties proximity. Please arrange a meeting with residents and all stakeholders to discuss and derive an agreement

Acknowledgement

I agree for my submission to be published