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Dear Council,

I'm writing to you to strongly object to the Mt Fox BESS proposal wind farm for these reasons:

There has been no survey nor consultation with the broader resident community.
The forests of the Mt. Fox area are a shelter for many of threatened and vulnerable species because of the absence of clearing.
The BESS is a precursor to the Mount Fox Wind Factory. The BESS is only useful when sited with energy generation such as a wind factory. It will not be used to store energy from Kidston Pumped Hydro nor Upper Burdekin Wind Farm as suggested by the developers.
The fire risk is real. Proposing a BESS in some of Australia's most spectacular and highly biodiverse forests is mind-numbingly stupid.

These forests surrounding the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area at Mount Fox are considered some of the world's most precious ecosystems. The presence of remaining areas of high value forests suggest that a business-as-usual approach might not be appropriate for a power project in a sparsely populated area of high environmental value. This is not the right place for this destructive and inadmissible project.

I strongly declare that there is no justification for the extinction of threatened species and the decimation of intact forest for renewable energy in Queensland to state otherwise is to greenwash.

I believe that Australians would be appalled if they knew that vast intact forests and unique Australian vegetation was to be carved up for renewable energy proposals.
There is nothing 'green' about destroying intact forests and vegetation, and where habitat destruction drive wildlife to extinction.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

Paola Torti

