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I am a...

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Are you commenting on a straw proposal?

Yes

If yes , which one?

Cumulative Impacts Analysis

Comment/Question

As the current Climate Act 2024 reads, little thought has gone into the repercussions of over siting in a particular town and they become saturated with utility scale solar and battery storage projects. The cumulative impact of hosting so many MWdc of solar and its assets, LNG, and power plants, is resulted in Charlton being referred to as the energy corridor. The siting board should mandate that all 351 cities and towns host solar and/or BESS systems instead of merely being able to purchase renewable energy from high yielding towns such as Charlton. This change would help to equally distribute renewable hosting responsibilities and expedite more expansive urban and suburban parking lot canopy solar, commercial rooftop solar and BESS. The current approach does help the state reach its goals much quicker with high yielding MWdc and developers make significantly higher profits from siting large projects on cheaper parcels however this sprint to your carbon neutral goals resulted in an unbalanced distribution of renewable energy projects.

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