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**I am a...**

Member of the public

**Are you commenting on a straw proposal?**

Yes

**If yes , which one?**

Cumulative Impacts Analysis

**Comment/Question**

I am writing to comment regarding Site Suitability. We must consider appropriate land use, fire and safety and public health risks for any site chosen. This is NEVER appropriate to take these risks- do no harm. Prevention is paramount. BESS SHOULD NEVER BE PLACED NEAR DENSELY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Nor should it tear down trees to find space. Decision makers need to educate themselves with the plethora of examples out there for risks involved and make appropriate site selection for any such choices.

1. Are the proposed evaluation criteria appropriate? NO
2. Are there criteria that should be applied to certain types of infrastructure and not others?

YES, SETBACKS FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LINES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR ANY BESS