



Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Sedro-Woolley School District is writing to express our opposition to and grave concerns regarding the proposed Goldeneye BESS project near Hansen Creek, just outside the eastern edge of Sedro-Woolley within Skagit County. This proposed project poses a significant threat to our community's natural resources, farmlands, and farming economy. We are also deeply troubled by the potential impact this project may have on the safety and well-being of the children and educators in our community.

The proximity of this project to our schools poses an unnecessary, substantial risk. Battery storage systems can overheat or malfunction, releasing toxic fumes and posing significant health risks for students, especially those with asthma or respiratory issues. Evacuating our schools due to an emergency at the battery energy storage site can be monumentally challenging for our schools which are already strained for resources, lacking sufficient staff, training, and emergency equipment to manage this kind of emergency situation effectively. Being near a high-risk site could increase insurance costs and legal liabilities, placing additional financial strain on our district.

As a community, we are unwavering in our commitment to prioritizing our children's safety and well-being above all else. For the sake of our children, we strongly encourage the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council to reject this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We look forward to a favorable response that ensures the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson, School Board President

Danielle Russell, Vice-President

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