

Submission  
No 115

**INQUIRY INTO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND  
ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (INFRASTRUCTURE  
CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2021**

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I fundamentally object to the infrastructure contribution.

This property has been in our family for years and we are being penalised for our location being randomly selected for government infrastructure.

The government has chosen to build a road through our property without properly notifying us of your plans and without the opportunity for comment or discussion.

Your process utterly failed in its execution.

The future of our operations and the freedom of choice for our family to reside on the property has been denied.

The government failed to fairly compensate us for our loss, contradicted its own terms of reference. You hired incompetent contractors to build your road - demolishing parts of our property before you were supposed to and temporarily installing an insufficient replace that was not fit for purpose and caused personal injury to my family member.

This same road construction fails to meet your own environmental standards, effectively polluting our site and causing the immediate and downstream flooding of our neighbors personal homes.

What you have done to date is illegal and immoral.

Moving forward this contribution proposal will further deny our family of the chance to fairly recoup and be rewarded for land ownership in the same way other landowners have had the right to claim.

The proposed contribution is a targeted tax, discriminatory and unfairly applied.

Worse this tax ensures that any future development will only be delivered by large typically international corporations. The tax will effectively shift any potential wealth gain from the landowners who have worked the land for years - small home and business owners - Into the hands of the already wealthy.

We will have to move our lives against our choice. The cost of the goes beyond the replacement value where the opportunity to replace and resettle is for many not possible - even if similar land was even available.

You are ruining lives - and taxing our opportunity to recognise compensation for it.

Economically there are a number of 'growth' areas experiencing stalled development as a result taxes and contributions imposed in different forms. Development is limited to bullying large enterprises. Quality and variety of product is stifled. Low cost future slums are the result.

Locally and in South Australia, there is evidence that taxes of this kind discourage and delay development- the region will become reactive and resistant instead of proactive and motivated. Resistance will slow development and deliver a cheap short term product.

Your taxes are misplaced and ill conceived. You are penalising the very people that should be rewarded and encouraged.

I ask that you stop pushing through your taxes and environmental policies that are actually hurting the people and environment that you are claiming to protect.

Stop. Think And remember you hold your position to protect not persecute citizens that cannot defend themselves.