
social impact assessment update

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Dear panel members,

Since my last correspondence in June 2026, MGL has provided a social impact assessment (SIA) and an addendum.

From the Cromwell hearings in April, MGL's response to the invited Thomson Gorge Road residents' submissions, and MGL's apparent brief for the original SIA and its addendum, it is clear they do not directly engage with any individual or affected party! They know that we are very much "the" socially affected parties in this entire process.

Heading 1.3. "Assumptions and limitations" of the addendum states:

"The Addendum does not assess impacts at an individual, household, or property-specific level."

The same "assumption" or direction was given in the original 2025 SIA.

There are 8 properties along Thomson Gorge Road that are already the most affected by the MGL project.

And MGL made it clear in their SIA and the Addendum NOT to engage with us - 8 individual properties!

The Addendum is worded in a way that suggests MGL has invited us under s53 FTAA to comment on the project.

I'd like to remind the panel that MGL did not invite us, but you did!

Our situation and that of our neighbours has not changed since MGL filed its application. In fact, the longer the process drags on (through lack of information, deliberate or by incompetence), the more uncertainty there is, the worse it becomes for us.

What also hasn't changed is that MGL still regards the residents along Thomson Gorge Road as "collateral damage" to their project.

MGL was given the opportunity during the Cromwell hearings to engage and explain. They did not. They commissioned an Addendum to the SIA - and again did not contact or engage with us.

In the meantime, we have even written to MGL with a request to engage with us, the residents of Thomson Gorge Road.

However, MGL continues to ignore the people most affected by their project. We have received no communication seeking engagement from them, only an acknowledgement of receipt of our correspondence.

I believe the panel is aware of the situation. I also believe it will see through the shortcomings, spin and window dressing of the SIA and the Addendum.

MGL refuses to put a real human face to its application - that is why I had to write to you again.

Kind regards,
Holger Reinecke.