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Dear Commissioners

As a resident of Walla Walla, and part of a three generational family farm five kilometres away from the solar project at its closest point, I wish to strongly object to the Walla Walla Solar Farm.

The Department's report has so many important concerns with far ranging effects that are not addressed adequately. This is because the Department sees the main reason to recommend this solar project, as it is needed to meet the Government Energy guidelines and this project can connect to the grid easily.

Those two reasons don't hold any weight because there's now so much energy in place the renewable energy target will be oversupplied by 2022. There will probably be a renewable energy investment collapse in a year or so. This has happened in Queensland. [Lessons need to be learnt here.](#) A review needs to take place NOW before anymore projects are approved. Also, the transmission line is full / near full anyway. So what's the use of building a solar project here where land values are so high, at least \$4,000/ acre. Then high amounts of money are given to two people leasing their land. With the advances in technology, these panels will be obsolete in a few years. We don't want to be left with a wasteland of panels with Companies going broke as has happened in USA. I watched Michael Moore's documentary Planet of the Humans on youtube. [Australia needs to learn lessons here!](#)

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Solar Companies will head out to the new transmission line being built between Wagga and SA's Robertstown, and lease land much cheaper than here and make more profits. These people will be very happy and appreciative, as they are in marginal areas and don't get reliable returns like us. We are always assured of good returns in our area, even in a drought. So, much wiser to NOT put large scale solar here.

We all need to eat. Our area supplies so much produce to so many other parts of Australia. We are proud and thankful we can do this. Especially since COVID, people are wanting to buy local to help our own country and also because they know it is good quality and you know what you are eating. These days people look at the labels and are looking for Made in Australia from Australian products. If large scale solar continue to be placed in areas of prime

agricultural land, we will have to import. Who wants to eat imported food where there are not strict controls with growing and packing the food? Already Australia doesn't have their own rice and a solar farm was determined to go ahead at Leeton on irrigated land, near our Sun White rice factory. THIS HAS TO STOP!! NO MORE LARGE SCALE SOLAR ON PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND!

I am having my say for my children and grandchildren!

Yours sincerely

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