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Dear Sir/Madam, please find attached submission for Walla Solar Farm SSD 9874
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Dear Sir /Madam

Submission Walla Solar Farm SSD 9847

I would like to bring attention to the IPC of the ongoing concerns about the use of prime agricultural land for solar developments. Throughout NSW there is a proliferation of solar farm development proposals. These proposals are being driven by foreign solar companies with a profit-making agenda. This leads these foreign owned companies to propose developments in locations under existing TransGrid infrastructure without regard to the quality of the agricultural land impacted. The NSW Right to Farm Policy states that only 11% of NSW land is used for higher productivity agricultural purposes. In the interests of national food security and the economy, this productive agricultural land should be protected. Large expanses of NSW land consist of lower rainfall zones with minimal agricultural benefit potential, which would be highly suitable for solar development.

The Greater Hume Shire has been targeted by 4 solar developments which I am concerned will have a cumulative effect on neighbouring properties. Our property, which is located between the Walla and Culcairn solar farm proposals is a mixed farming operation producing wool, prime lambs, wheat, oats and canola. I have strong concerns about the lack of information and studies on the possible impacts such large-scale projects may have on our ability to maintain our current production levels. These impacts include increased heat, weed control, bushfire control, insurance liability, dust and noise during construction and glare once the development is completed.

I also have reservations over the time frame of these developments as I believe that with improvements in technology this type of solar power production will be superseded well before its life span suggests. Will we be left with an industrial wasteland in our backyard? I am concerned about adequate planning for the decommissioning of these sites.

We understand and support the need for Australia to transition to a renewable energy driven economy. I believe government needs to plan for this transition with energy, food security and the importance of agriculture to the economy in mind. With sensible planning this can easily be achieved in more appropriate locations without impacting higher rainfall zones which support the economy with food and fibre production.

Thanking you for your consideration of the impacts this will have on neighbouring properties and the importance of protecting productive agricultural land which is so important to the national economy.

Yours sincerely Paul Lowe