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Dear Independant Planning Commission,

I am a home owner in Dunlop, writing as an individual to express my strong opposition to the Wallaroo Solar Farm.

I note that it has just past 5pm, and that before 5pm today the website said that there was "one day remaining" to make a submission. As such I thought I still had time to make a submission. I consider the wording on the website was misleading.

Please therefore accept the following as my submission.

My husband and I have owned a home in Counihan Court, Dunlop since 2012. We have been raising our son there and we feel part of the neighbourhood community.

When we first saw the house, we fell in love with the views of the farmland and, in the distance, the Brindabellas. The property was listed at a higher price point than similar listings in the neighbourhood and we were happy to make the financial stretch because of the view and access to the surrounding areas.

My son, along with the boys in two houses next door often explore the surrounding green areas and farm land . They climb in the creek beds and have a wonderful time outdoors. We also walk our dog every day through the road on which the location of the Wallaroo Solar farm is proposed.

I have strong concerns with the proposal to place the Solar farm there.

#### Property prices

First, the impacts on property prices for the thousands of residents in the suburb are significant. For my family, our home is our major asset and we have put the majority of our finances into the family home. The planned large scale development in such close proximity to the houses, which also affects our views, will have a significant impact on our financial wellbeing. I expect many other residents in Dunlop - hard working ordinary Australians - will be in a similar position.

#### Home Insurance Premiums - an ongoing cost

I also understand that the proposed solar farm would likely result in an ongoing increase to our insurance premiums. This would be particularly hard for many of us, given the cost-of-living crisis we are already facing.

#### Visual impacts

The proposed solar farm would negatively affect the view from our house. As I mentioned before, the view was a significant factor in the price point of the home and the primary factor for our decision to buy in the area.

#### Set back zones

The proposed development is alarmingly close to our residential properties in an already established Canberra suburb. It in no way meets set back standards, whether this be 1km or 5km away from residential development.

### Environmental impacts

I understand some heavy metals and pollutants can contaminate the surrounding area upon the decommissioning of solar sites, but also as the panels age.

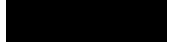
This issue should not be dismissed. The contamination would directly impact residents who use the area for walking their dogs, exercise and where the kids play (as mentioned earlier).

I thank you for considering my concerns. I support clean energy, but consider that Wallaroo is not the appropriate site because of the extremely close proximity to our established suburb.

I have copied in the members of the ACT electorate, as it is important that members of the ACT government have visibility of the NSW proposals that directly impacts ACT residents.

Sincerely,

Rhyl Maddock



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