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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Wallaroo Solar Installation Approval (the solar installation).

I am opposed to the Solar Installation.

As a resident in Dunlop in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), I am sufficiently concerned the Solar Installation will impact the amenity of my neighbourhood.

This is a significant project, requiring the installation of 182,000 solar panels. Such an installation will have detrimental visual impacts, as well as impacts on biodiversity and heritage. In this regard, I commend the submission from the Belconnen Community Council (BCC) and endorse their comments that:

"the trails, ponds, and greenspace between the project location and the urban suburbs of Macgregor and Dunlop are popular spaces for residents, and the impact on visual amenities in these areas and related mediation should be further considered."

As also stated by the BCC, a transparent process for ACT residents to raise their concerns should be proactively promoted by proponents of the project.

I am also concerned about the hazards and risks "namely bushfires" of this installation.

As the submission for the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (ACT Government) states:

"The proposal is also around 1 km south-west of a cluster of rural residential properties along Wallaroo Road. This space is sufficient to allow a fire originating from the proposal to develop full rate of spread and intensity with limited warning."

As a former small business owner in the tourism industry, I echo the concerns raised by Nick O'Leary of Nick O'Leary Wines. As a tour guide, I often operated tours into the wine district. I know that Mr O'Leary has built a well-regarded local business and I associate myself with his submission and public comments.

Furthermore, under NSW planning rules, I am doubtful that a development of this magnitude would be permitted near a key NSW regional city, such as Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Dubbo, Griffith, Orange, Tamworth or Wagga Wagga. Such a development would significantly impact the scenic quality and landscape character in those cities.

Similar considerations must be given to residents in the ACT.

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