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**OBJECT**

Submission No: 188972

Organisation:		<p>Key issues: <i>Land use compatibility, Visual impacts, Biodiversity, Noise, Waste, Dust, Hazards and risks, Other issues</i></p>
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*As a Dunlop resident, living in close proximity to the sight of the proposed solar farm, I am writing to voice my strong objection.*

*Our home, like many, many others, borders onto the current picturesque natural environment, home to much flora and fauna, including on land and in water in the surrounding ponds/creeks. The construction of a massive solar farm in this location as proposed, would result in a negative impact on this natural environment.*

*The location of the proposed solar farm is far too close for comfort for many home and property owners, and comes with many negative impacts as such.*

*The first and foremost major concern that I hold is the visual impact, particularly for homes such as ours that are placed within a high viewshed area. Currently overlooking a lovely nature view from our outdoor/deck area, (with such views being few and far between in a capital city such as Canberra), it is very disappointing that the solar farm is being planned in a position that ruins this for us, and many others who would be in a similar situation. For us, having a home that backs onto land, free of developments such as the proposed solar farm, is the biggest positive characteristic of our home, and ultimately the reason we live where we do. The concern regarding the visual impact does not only relate in terms of view from our home, but also when utilising the area as is often done by us as well as many others, such as when walking, bike riding, fishing, horse-riding, etc. What is currently surrounded by grasslands, animals, and overall nature scenery, will now be replaced by views of very unappealing solar panels, expanding over a very significant amount of land.*

*We are also concerned by a number of other things also contributing the objection of the project. This includes the potential health risks that may come with having such a large solar farm, and associated electricity/electrical substations, etc. located so close to where we live. Furthermore, we are concerned about the potential hazards associated with the dust and waste of the construction and ongoing maintenance of the solar farm, and the impact this may have on us directly as well as the natural environment.*

*The proposed solar farm also leaves us with significant concerns about the impact that this will have on the value of our home, as we are concerned that in the future, if the solar farm is to proceed as planned, potential buyers may share similar concerns that we have, and thereby deterring people from the purchase of our property. This is particularly relevant for the way in which the solar farm would significantly disturb the natural environment, particularly with a negative visual impact, of which is otherwise a major vantage point of our home, and we believe, the value of our home. This is also clearly relevant to many others, who have voiced similar concerns. It appears money hungry individuals and organisations are forgetting about, or seemingly having very little regard for, the significant negative impact that this proposed solar farm will have on many, many people, not just financially, but in terms of overall well-being and livelihood.*

*People's livelihoods that are being affected by this project, and consideration of this by those reviewing the submissions of objections by us, the real people that will be directly impacted by this project, would be much appreciated.*