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Canberra is best known by the people who live here as the Bush Capital. Canberra is surrounded by NSW and it's pristine bushland at every border crossing. The close proximity of the outer suburbs of Canberra to this beautiful bushland is what makes Canberra such an incredibly rare and special place to live. This must be protected at all cost.

The Wallaroo/Dunlop Solar Farm will heavily impact one of these pristine area's. The suburb of Dunlop , in particular will be approximately 800 metres in some parts from this very large 500 acre plus Solar Farm and all that goes with it.

Glare from extensive solar panels, constant heavy traffic from the building and maintenance process including upgrades, noise and a very dangerous and real FIRE RISK, all sits on Dunlop's door step .

Gooronmon Ponds Rd on the other side of this Solar Farm in NSW , will also be heavily impacted with the same issues that will come from this industrial size Solar Farm if it goes ahead.

Having lived in and around this part of the ACT / NSW border for over 65 years , I feel extremely concerned that this could just be the start of to forever changing our stunning Bush Capital and surrounding bushland into areas that are used for industrial purposes .

Renewable energy is a must in this current time, however this proposed Solar Farm , in my opinion is definitely being built in the wrong place. The negative impacts on the environment in Canberra and neighbouring NSW is very real. This is not a case of not in my backyard at all. It is simply another case of reckless renewables that will, without any doubt, heavily impact thousands of people in and around this part of the ACT/NSW border.

This is absolutely astounding that this project even got off the ground, let alone advanced to being approved.

Foot note :In the 2003 Canberra bushfire's, we were directly in the fire path on Australia Day when the McIntyre Hut fire that burnt the suburbs of Duffy and surrounding areas, burnt its way around to the bottom of Wallaroo Rd. We were on high alert when a friend who was fighting the fire , called me to advise , that the fire had jumped the Murrumbidgee river and if the wind didn't drop or change direction it was estimated it would reach Dunlop in 15 to 20 minutes . Friends in Dunlop along with their neighbours, were sitting on the roof of their homes with hoses at the ready. This is how fast a raging Bush Fire/ Firestorm can move. The wind dropped and the RFS contained the fire. We were so lucky. Should a similar event happen in the area of this Solar Farm , Dunlop, surrounding areas and suburbs would be in real trouble. Given that Solar batteries burn furiously and are notorious for the toxic chemicals being emitted when on fire ,not only Dunlop and surrounding suburbs would be at an extreme risk but the whole of North West Canberra could be in an incredibly dangerous situation.

The prevailing winds and almost all of our weather come from the North West in this area. See the Bureau of Meteorology for details. Thank you for reading my submission.