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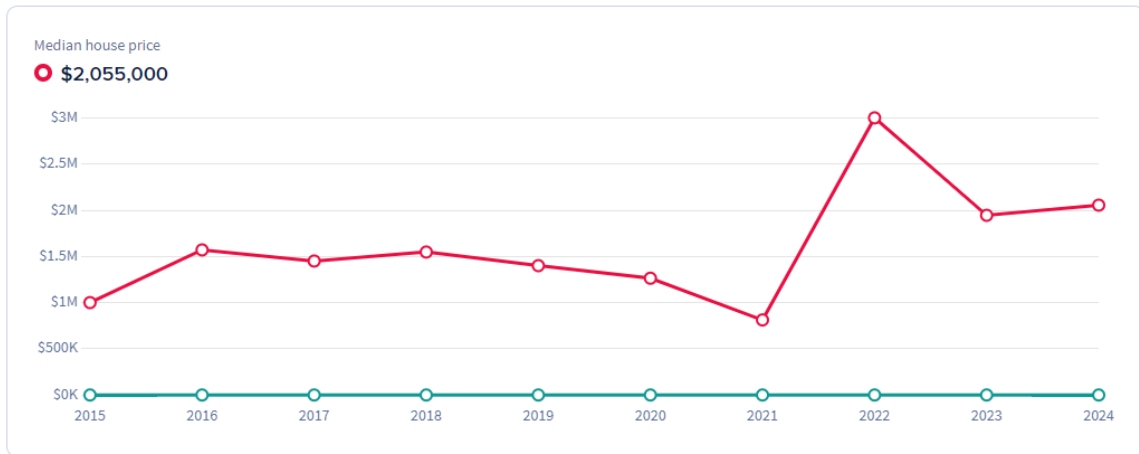
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- Objectors claim the WSF is positioned on the "gateway" to the Wallaroo wineries, however most traffic travels Wallaroo, Southwell and Brooklands Road ie not past the solar farm.
- Objectors claim that it's too close to houses, yet the Mugga Solar Farm (located 25 minutes away, in the ACT) is only 500 metres from the suburbs of Macarthur and Gilmore and the highly popular tourist venue Rose Cottage.
- Nick O'Leary has had a number of outspoken articles about how it will kill traffic to his winery, yet the winery does not overlook WSF, and again, in the ACT, the Majura Solar Farm was built directly opposite the Mt Majura Vineyard with no apparent ill effects even years later.
- Also, if solar farms drive away tourists, why has the new Treetops Adventure Park been built directly opposite the Majura Solar Farm?
- The heavily vegetated (with extensive large trees, compared to the Wallaroo farm/grassland) Mt Majura Reserve is sited right between the Majura Solar Farm, and the ACT suburbs of Hackett, Downer and Watson. The Mt Majura Solar Farm is still only 2.2 km from these suburbs (with the reserve in between). Given the location of the reserve between the farm and homes, surely the fire risk there would be much higher, yet was considered acceptable by the ACT.
- The WSF will plant 16 hectares of native vegetation, plus protect an area of existing native vegetation, which will result in an increase in biodiversity and native vegetation at the site, resulting in a net benefit.
- Articles raising concerns about the WSF have been published as early as 2021 in the Canberra Times (<https://www.google.com.au/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=newssearch&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiXjdWBxdCHAxWuh1YBHeEBM384ChDF9AEoAHoECAoQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canberratimes.com.au%2Fstory%2F7415552%2Fwallaroo-solar-farm-development-clears-approval-hurdle%2F&usg=AOvVaw13w1libVnuvXgONGiozL2&opi=89978449>), with many posts on various social media sites predating that and community awareness from as early as 2019. Many objectors are claiming there will be a decrease in house values, yet the median house price in Wallaroo has more than doubled since 2021, despite the solar farm publicity: [Wallaroo \(NSW 2618\) Suburb Profile | Allhomes](#)

Wallaroo suburb information

A little bit about who lives locally, as provided by government census data.

SUMMARY **MEDIAN SALES**



- The most vocal complainants have been the ones who happily subjected locals to more than 100 heavy vehicle movements a day for illegal dumping activities, have unapproved transport depots on their properties or have massive ugly unapproved industrial-sized sheds – the hypocrisy is huge!!
- We are however concerned about safety at the Wallaroo Rd/Barton Highway intersection. A proper turning lane in the median strip when turning right out of Wallaroo Road is definitely necessary and have witnessed many near misses there. Or better still, traffic lights should be installed. It is a known ACT traffic accident site:

