



WENDY TUCKERMAN MP

OBJECT

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Independent Planning Commission

Wallaroo Solar Farm

SSD "9261283

Subject: Objection Wallaroo Solar Farm

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed Wallaroo Solar Factory project in NSW on behalf of concerned constituents in the Goulburn electorate. I have significant concerns about the potential impact of this project on the local community, environment and surrounding businesses.

Again, we see foreign-owned companies capitalising on an exposed Australian energy market. As I understand it, the land is to be leased by Univergy Solar, as described on their website "a joint venture of Spanish and Japanese entrepreneurs", and New Energy Development, who appear to attempt to confuse the public by promoting themselves as an "Australian renewable energy project developer". A quick search will reveal the deceptive attempt by the company in using the word "Australian" in its headlining. I am also concerned that the department may not have taken into consideration the character and history pertaining to the individuals involved in the development and the likely consequences.

The proposed site is located in an area of significant agricultural importance. Wallaroo is known for its microclimate which produces award winning wines. For the department to suggest the soils have little agricultural potential, flies in the face of the surrounding vineyards in an area producing award winning wines, evident by the flourishing tourism to the destination all significantly contributing to the NSW economy.

Furthermore, I am also concerned about the visual impact of the solar farm on the landscape and the potential decrease in property values for homeowners in the area. The industrial nature of the solar farm may also have a detrimental effect on tourism as the aesthetic appeal of the surrounding area attracts thousands of visitors per year.

In addition to the environmental and visual concerns, I have reservations about the potential noise and disruption during the construction and operation of the solar farm. The increased traffic, construction activities, and ongoing maintenance could lead to safety concerns and impacts that would negatively affect the quality of life for local residents and businesses.

I respectfully urge the commission to carefully consider these objections and to conduct a thorough and transparent assessment of the potential impact of the Wallaroo Solar Factory project.



In the rush renewables, we must stop to consider the undeniable consequences of the size and scale, and the impost of solar farms on regional towns.

A concerted effort must be made to consult and inform the residents of the ACT who will be impacted. There is no evidence that this has occurred. Only 94 submissions have been made, 37 of those within 20kms. The project is 680m from the nearest ACT suburb with thousands of residents potentially impacted.

Ignoring communities and local government concerns will not enhance the transition to renewables. A more pragmatic approach is necessary to protect local communities, the environment, and the local economy, not neighbour agreements that silence people to not complain about noise, traffic, environmental impacts etc and do so by offering large amounts of cash. May I suggest that something is wrong with the planning system when corrupt conduct such as this is front and centre of development projects.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that my objections will be taken into account during the decision-making process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Shadow Minister for Local Government

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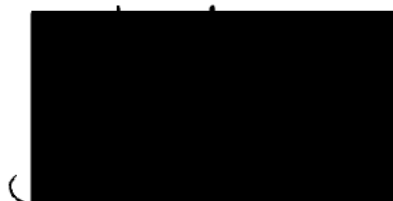
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