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**OBJECT**

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Organisation:		
Location:	New South Wales 2831	
Submitter Type:	I am a member of the local community who would be particularly and directly affected by the proposed development	Key issues: Land use compatibility, Visual impact, Social impacts, Temporary accommodation
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To Whom It may Concern,

After watching the IPC last week in Dunedoo there are a number of concerns that were not addressed at the meeting with regard to the project.

After being involved with a number of submission for various projects already I urge the IPC team to consider the impacts this project has on those that live with it. It is quite easy to look at these projects and see that they are within guidelines, but at some stage the people that live with the impacts of these projects need to be considered. I remind you and your team that these guidelines are sufficient if you are not living near these projects and if you are not directly impacted by them. For those that are impacted by the project the outcomes are horrendous for both families, businesses and assets alike. The landscape here will be transformed from beautiful agricultural land that farmers have cared for for generations to industrial devastation. I can tell you and your team now that the local community do not want this project to be developed and it is time that you and the government listen to their requirements. I say this as my family and I are also heavily impacted by Solar developments and understand what is happening to those impacted.

There are numerous concerns for this projects development. For a farmer such as myself the issue of Public Liability Insurance (PLI) is of huge concern. I took this unanswered issue to Energyco on 28th November 2022 where it still remains unanswered. The issue arises as a farmer where our current insurers will not insure our business PLI past \$20 Million.

As an example if a farmer was to start a fire (and was negligent) and a solar farm is completely burnt out. Who is covering the difference with regard to the losses in infrastructure and the associated losses of income between the cost of the solar farm and the \$20 million PL the farmer has? Where once \$20 million would be ample to cover fire damages to agricultural based neighbors in such a situation where you are surrounded by industrial land the insurance levels are vastly inadequate.

With large scale solar continuing to grow across Australia and the CW REZ , it is scary to think of the impacts on other industries particularly agriculture. Moving forward I believe that these projects need to be looked at in a cumulative nature to ensure all social, environmental and economic costs are considered. The approval of these projects need to be halted until all projects in the REZ are considered.

My final point that has largely gone unnoticed is that I am yet to see any social impact studies that look at, any people and families that are leaving these communities within the CW REZ. We hear of job growths and opportunities, yet I have heard nothing of the families that have already left properties, nor anything of the families that I know that will leave if these projects are to proceed. My family and I will also be heavily impacted by similar projects on the western side of Dunedoo and if these are to proceed, we intend on leaving the district and local community. The same can be said for numerous families around the Birriwa Solar project.



**New South Wales Government**  
Independent Planning Commission

*As you make your final decisions on this project please consider the community and people that are affected by this industrialized project. The community do not want this project to be developed and that is quite clear. This project should not be approved.*

*Regards*

*Nigel Roberts*

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