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OBJECT

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The proper location for the solar farm should be the old Liddell power station site. Much of the electrical infrastructure in regard to the network and grid system which exists could be still utilised. The Liddell site has the existing buffer zone in place, and has the enclosed water catchment area of the lake. Any business which would benefit from the construction stage would still do so at the AGL site.

Idemitsu is clearly just trying to capitalise on it's existing land holding. The proposal is not on the area of old mine site. It is on the "Buffer Zone" of the old mine site. These are the rich alluvial flats of Muscle Creek. Muscle Creek flows straight onto the township of Muswellbrook, through the golf course and sporting facilities into the Hunter River. Then through every parcel of prime agricultural land in the Hunter Valley.

The original mine buffer zone was put in place for a reason, well before Woodland Ridge Estate was ever built. There will be a significant fire risk to this housing estate, and no matter how much they play it down, the visual impact will be immense.

The Mudgee solar farm was rejected because it would have been an eyesore to the entrance of town. In the future, people travelling on the new Muswellbrook bypass would be looking at the same eyesore on the edge of our town. Just because it can go there doesn't mean it should! We are relying on the IPC to reject this application in its proposed location, as it only is favourable to Idemitsu. The associated developers would then possibly look at more suitable sites like Liddell or possibly Mt Arthur coal mine when it closes.

If a solar farm has to be done at all, it would need to be in the right location. This is Not on the Muscle Creek site that is totally unsuitable. This irreversible decision would leave a terrible legacy for our town and our children well into the future. It would be a constant reminder of poor planning and reckless decision making to every passing motorist that drives through the area for ever.
