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OBJECT

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Dear Commissioner,

OBJECTION to the solar farm proposed at Muswellbrook. SSD-46543209

After listening to the speakers at the meeting on 12th February the proposed location it is clearly the wrong site for a solar farm. A more suitable location for the solar farm would, should and could be the old Liddell power station site. With most of the electrical infrastructure in terms of the network and grid system which still exists could be utilised once again. The Liddell site has the existing buffer zone in place, and has the enclosed water catchment area of the lake. Any business that would benefit from the construction stage could still do so at this suggested site.

Idemitsu is trying to capitalise on the existing land holding, this proposal put forward is on the buffer zone of the old mine site not actually the old mine site. These are the rich farming soil of Muscle Creek area. These run off from this location flows into Muscle Creek straight onto the township of Muswellbrook, through the golf course and sporting facilities into the Hunter River. This river then flows through prime agricultural land all through the Hunter Valley.

Mines have a buffer zone for a reason, this one put in place 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.

In the near future, a new bypass will be put in place at Muswellbrook and people passing through will be greeted by a littered disgusting view right on our town edge. A view that we will have to put up with every day. The Mudgee solar farm was rejected because it would have been an eyesore to the entrance of town. Just because it can go there doesn't mean it should!

We are counting on the IPC to listen to our objections and 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.

I fear that if this solar farm goes ahead in this location this irreversible decision would leave a major environmental and health impact for our community 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.

Please reject this proposal!

Regards

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