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**OBJECT**

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*I accept that laws change, yet laws are crafted for a reason and, consequently, there should be a reason to change them. It is disconcerting that I am an affected resident within close proximity and I have never been letterboxed in relation to this significant development, which sadly indicates a lack of respect for the consultation process, if indeed this development is being taken seriously at all.*

*The proposed development, if approved, would result in a significant change to the existing New South Wales and Yass Valley planning laws. I have closely followed this development application, and I have not sighted any business case that justifies this fundamental change to the existing frameworks that presently govern the site.*

*If the reasoning for the development is accepted, one can extrapolate that the nature of the Wallaroo region would soon be transformed into light industrial. If that is the desire of the NSW and Yass Valley jurisdictions, I suppose I cannot prevent it; yet I don't believe there is a desire to transform Wallaroo into a light industrial region. Developments of this scale - in close proximity to other businesses and homes - are never a one-off development. This is both a matter of respecting policy intent and avoiding sovereign risk, including for the region's high-value wine, agricultural, and hospitality investments.*

*There are numerous sites in Yass Valley that would be appropriate for a solar farm. This is not one of them. I suspect the developers know this, otherwise they would have been more forthcoming in conducting genuine community consultation.*

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