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Zero carbon-emission, electrification programs such as those planned for the New England Renewable Energy Zone are critical for a cleaner energy future for the region, Australia and the planet. Climate change caused by increased carbon in the atmosphere is an existential threat for humanity, and for future animal and plant diversity. Existing coal-fired generation needs to be urgently replaced with solar, wind and other renewable electricity resources, leading to energy systems that are cleaner, cheaper, more reliable and more secure.

The Oxley Solar Farm Project is a key step in the transition to decarbonised energy, with obvious benefits to the Armidale community, due to the obvious health, economic and climate benefits of high-quality solar energy. The proposed photovoltaic solar facility with an indicative capacity of 300 MW (AC) will make a major contribution to the provision of renewable energy for the community and the NSW electricity grid. The Project developers, Oxley Solar Developments Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Solar Megawatt Holding Pty Ltd has an impressive record of achievement in large-scale sustainable energy projects across Australia. Key environmental and social issues were identified in the preliminary environmental assessment. Although not an expert, appropriate mitigation measures appear to be described in the Environmental Impact Statement.

I fully support this Project.

Sincerely,

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Emeritus Professor of Chemistry