

# BIRRIWA SOLAR

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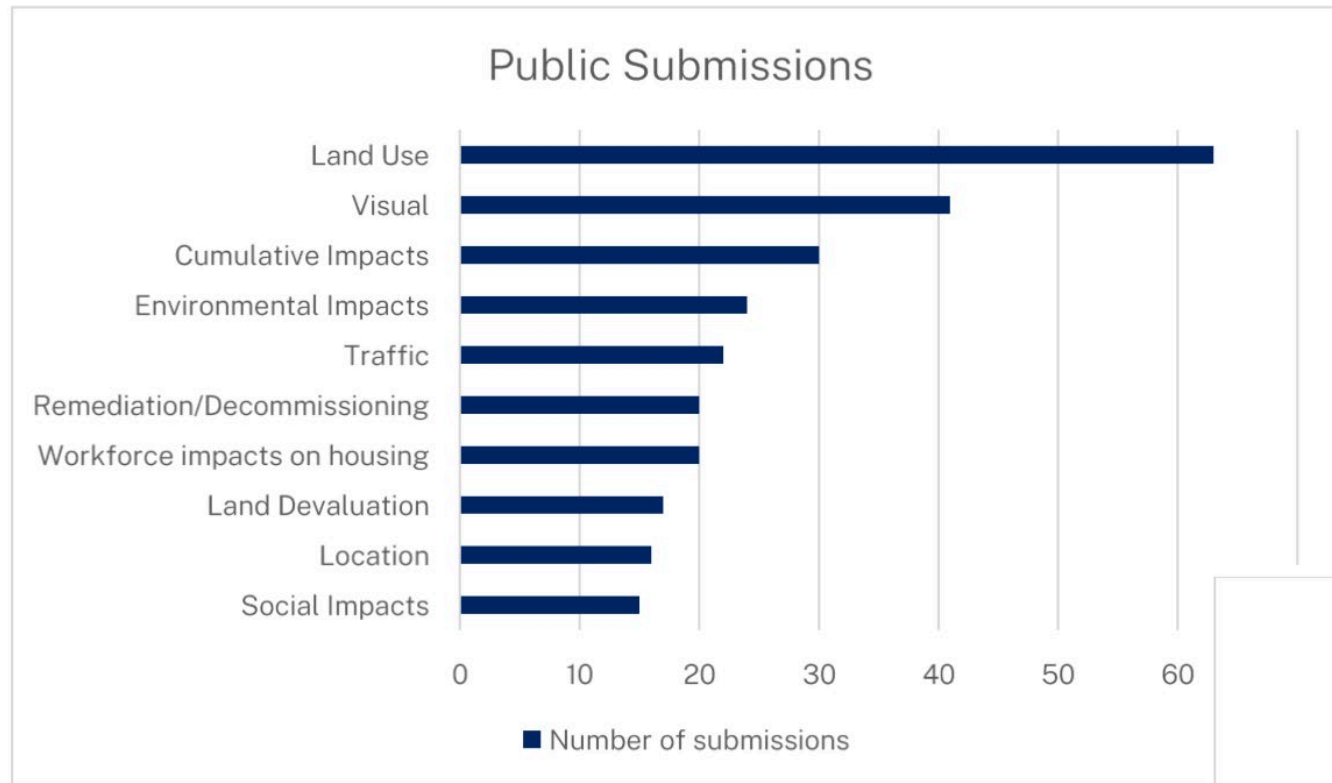




**“The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways.”**

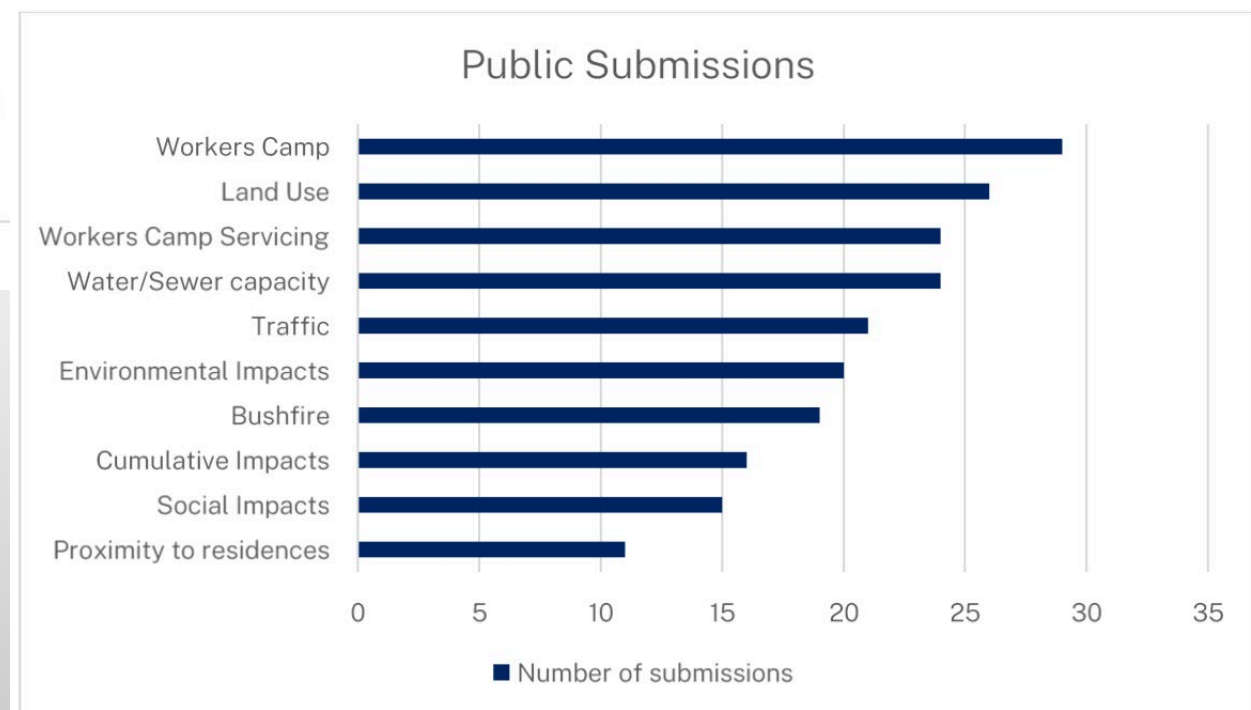
**John F. Kennedy**





**Figure 5 | Key Issues Raised in Public Submissions**

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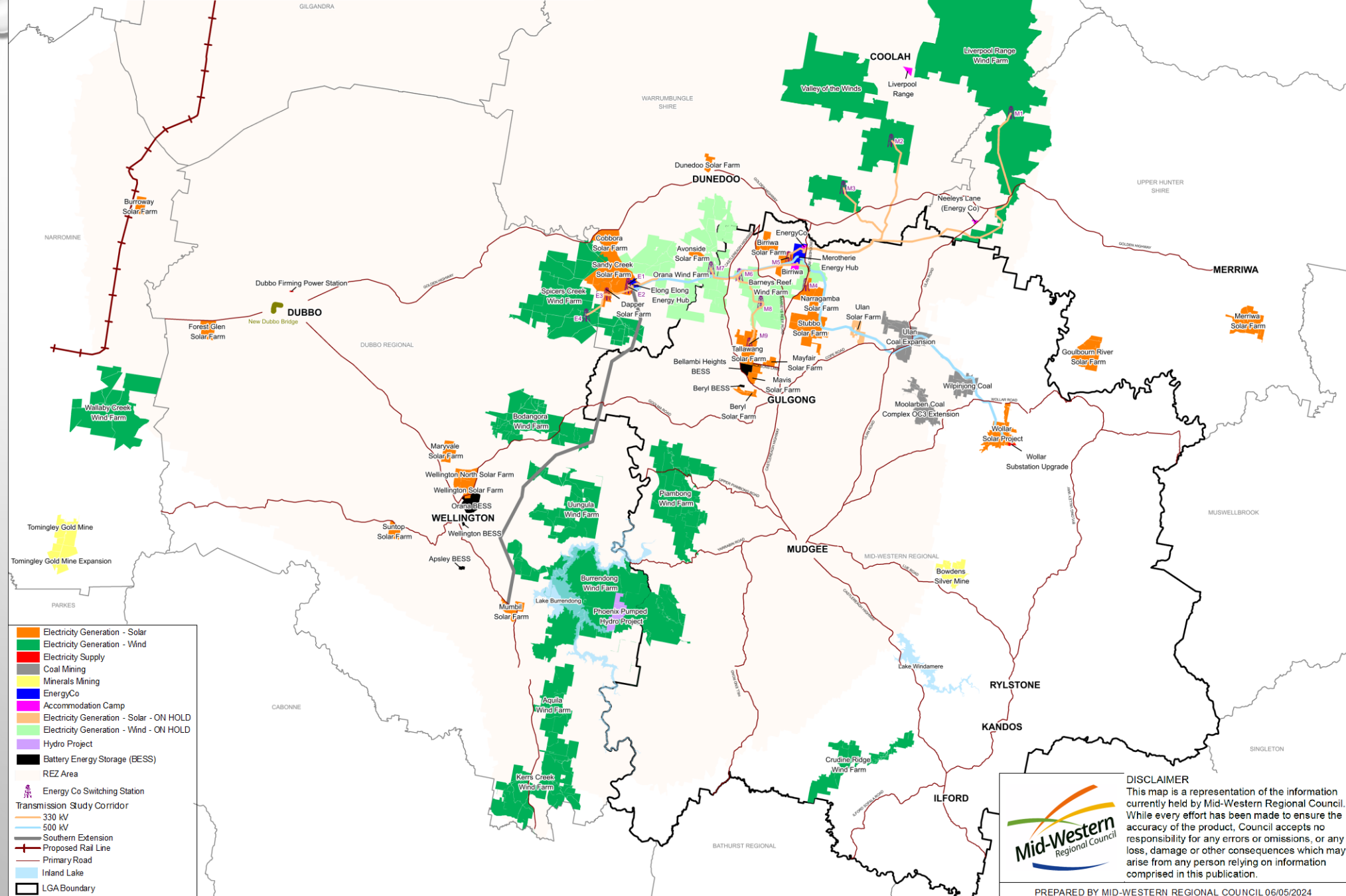
**Figure 6 | Key Issues Raised in Public Submissions on the Amendment**

**Amendmen** →

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# Proposed State Significant Development

No significant reduction in overall agricultural productivity?



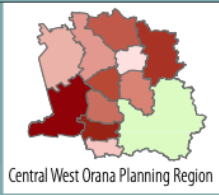




# Birriwa Solar project site

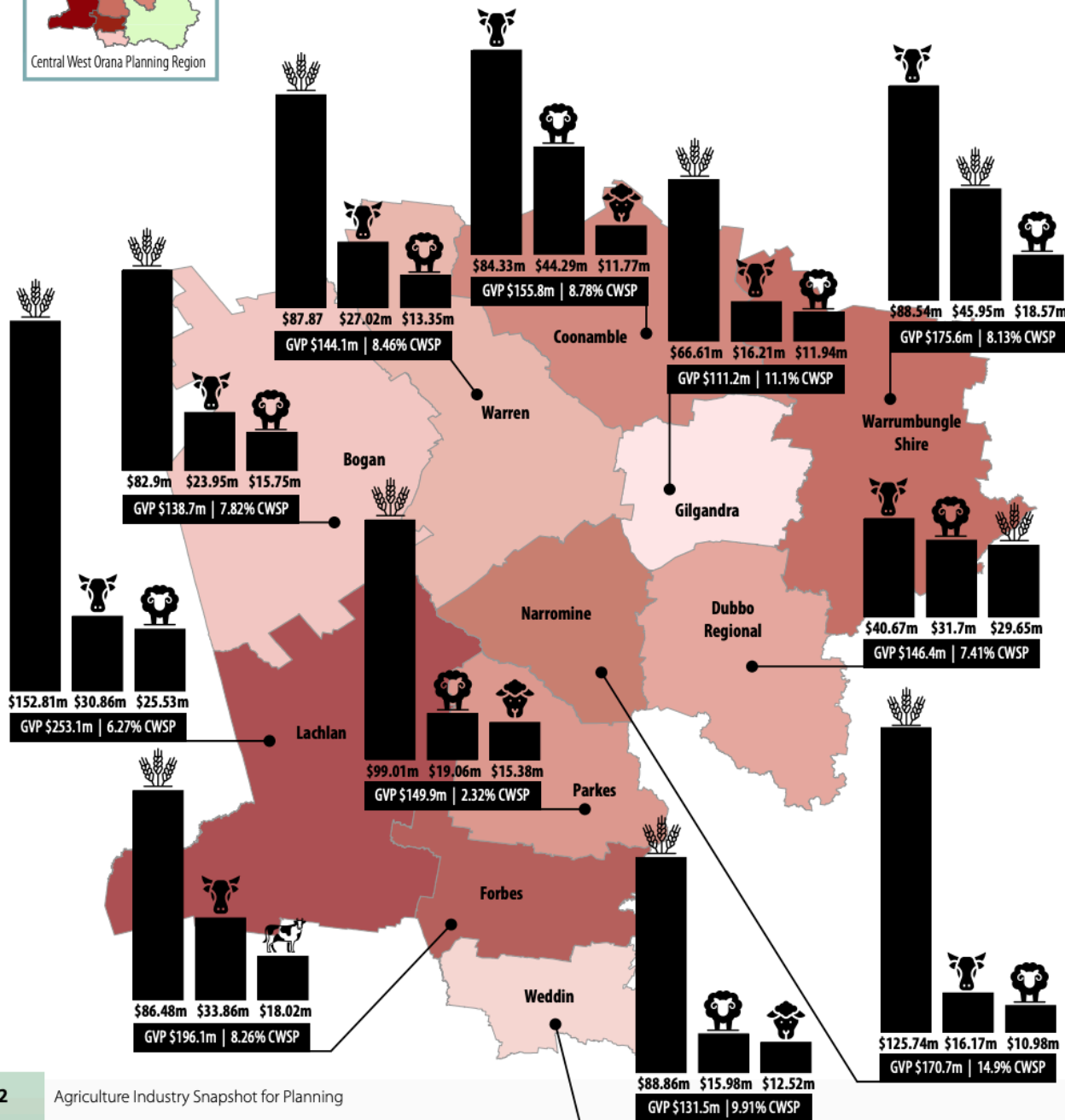






Beef  
 Wool  
 Sheep/lamb  
 Broadacre crops  
 Milk  
 Highest to lowest GVP

% CWSP = per cent share of Central West Slopes and Plains Sub Region Agriculture GVP



\$\$ agriculture is valuable to the Australian economy \$\$





# Central West Slopes & Plains



**“one of the most  
successful and profitable  
sub regions in NSW”**

DPI 2020



**“Farming looks mighty  
easy when your plow is a  
pencil and you’re a  
thousand miles from the  
corn field.”**

***D w i g h t D . E i s e n h o w e r***





**Sir  
Ivan  
Bushfire  
–  
February  
2017**

📷 NATURAL DISASTER: Cattle and smoke near the Sir Ivan fire. Photo: DEAN SEWELL



# The reality of



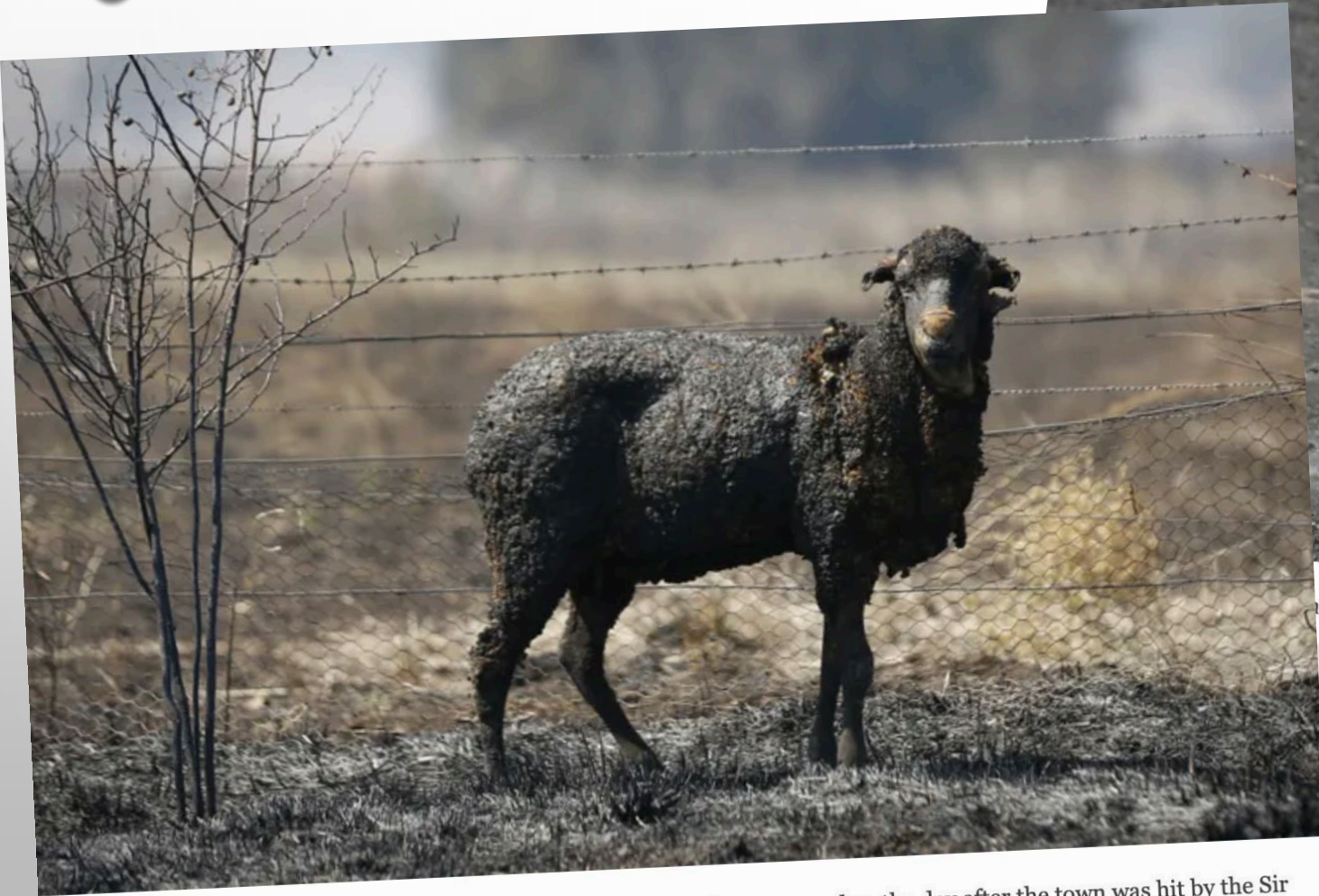
FAIRFAX/ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN Property damage at Uarbry, NSW, after it was hit by the Sir Ivan fire the day before, on Monday. fedpol Photo: Alex Ellinghausen

# the aftermath

FAIRFAX/ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN Property damage at Uarbry, NSW, after it was hit by the Sir Ivan fire the day before, on Monday 13 February 2017. Photo: Alex Ellinghausen



# of Sir Ivan



FAIRFAX/ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN A severely burnt sheep is seen in Uarbry on Monday, the day after the town was hit by the Sir Ivan fire. Photo: Alex Ellinghausen



er shoots a badly injured sheep at Uarbry. Photo: Alex Ellinghausen





74. While a solar farm is permitted with consent in the RU1 and SP2 zones under the Transport and Infrastructure SEPP, the Department notes a solar farm would otherwise be a prohibited land use in the RU1 zone under a strict reading of the Warrumbungle LEP. However, based on a broader reading of the Warrumbungle LEP, and consideration of the objectives of the RU1 zone and other strategic documents for the region, the Department considers that there is no clear intention to prevent the development of a solar farm on the subject land.

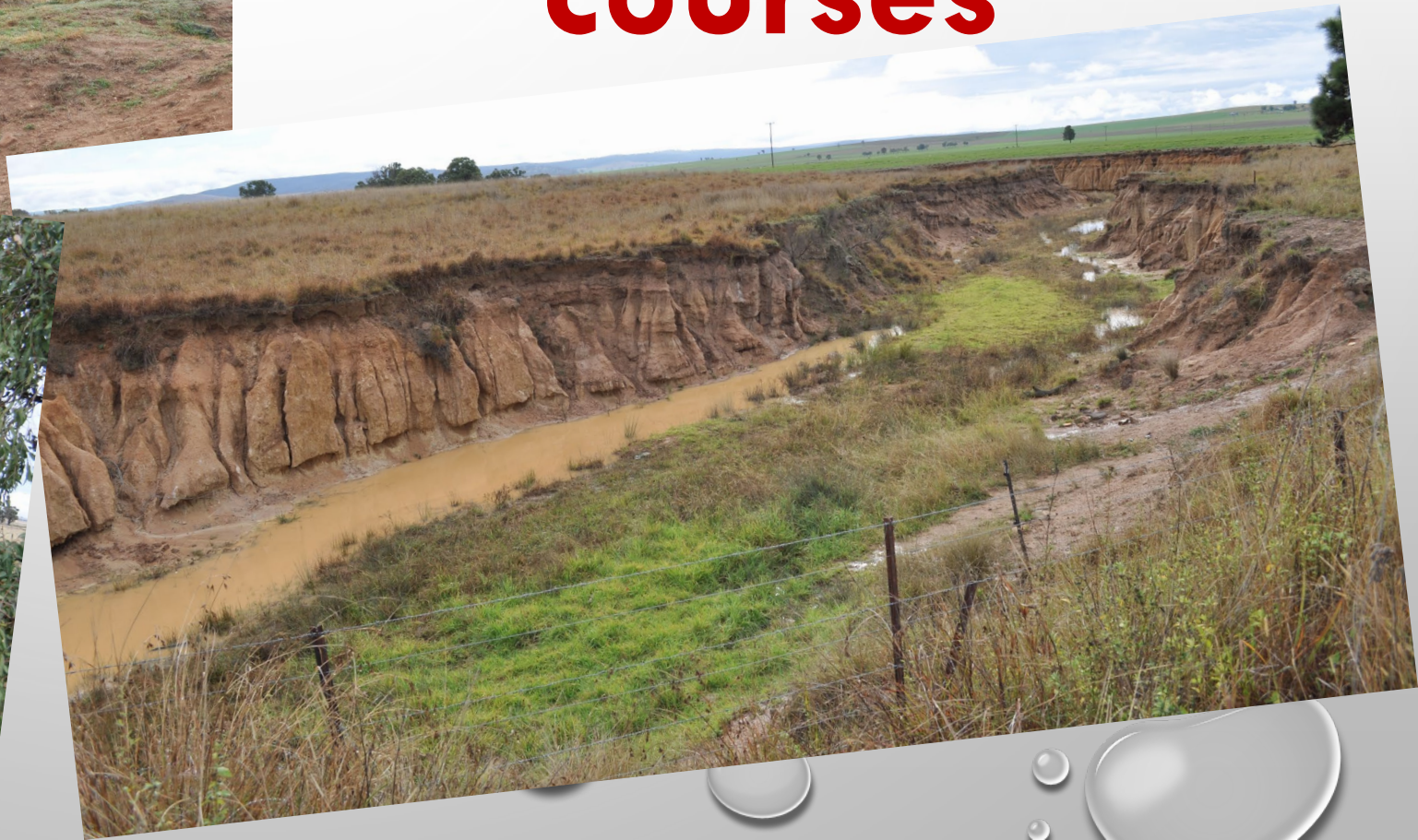


# Local roads





# Affected water courses







**Environmental  
impacts**

**Visual  
amenity**



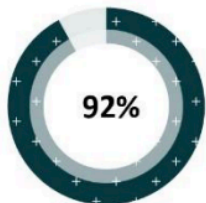


# AEIC Community Engagement Review - February 2024



## Observations

In the HaveYourSay survey, the Review asked landholders and community members about their experience of engagement on renewable energy projects.



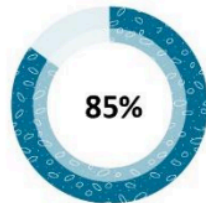
92% of respondents were dissatisfied with the extent to which project developers engaged the local community.



85% of respondents were dissatisfied with the explanations provided by project developers in response to their questions.



89% of respondents stated that the information they received from project developers was not relevant to the concerns that they raised.

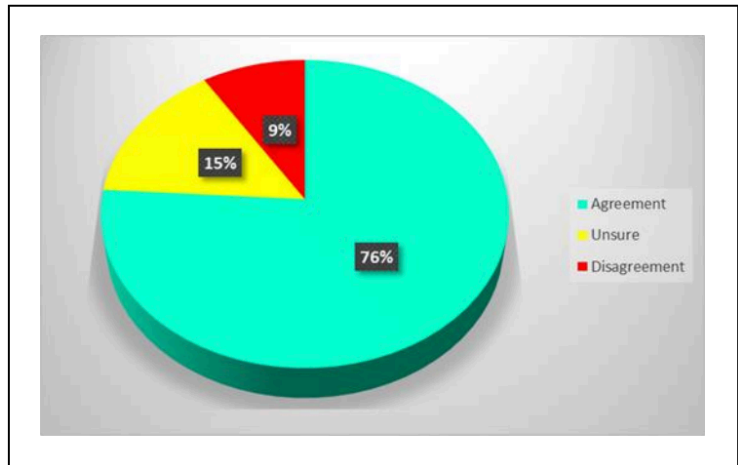


85% of respondents stated that their concerns were not addressed in a timely manner.

Image 2. Survey results indicate that landholders and community members were generally dissatisfied with the engagement that they received from project developers.

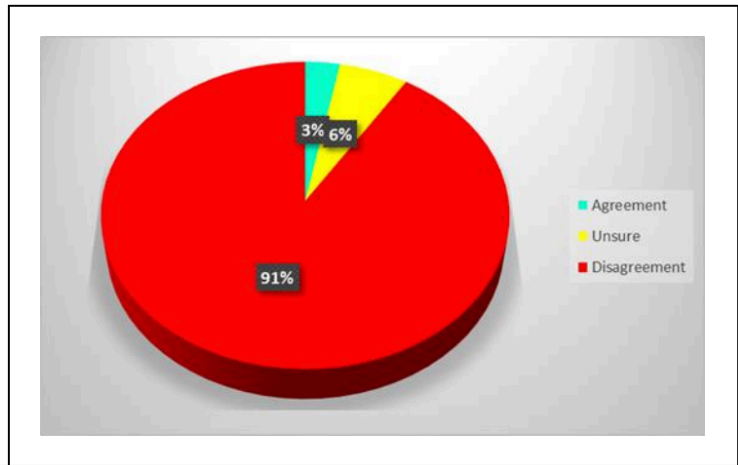
Statement 4. Energy companies have applied pressure to access private properties

Number of responses = 708



Statement 5. Energy companies have acted in good faith

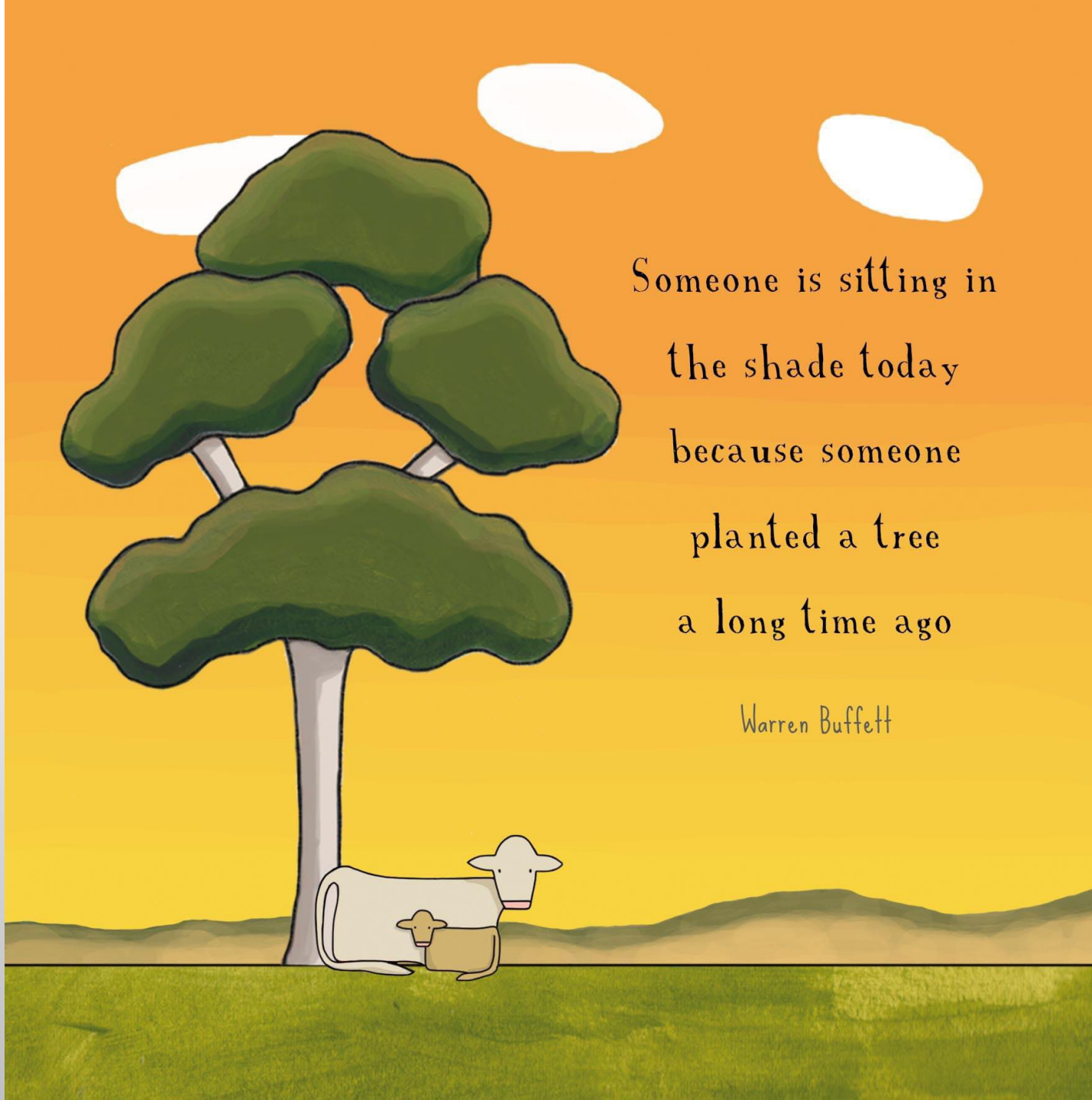
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# Community Impact Survey - April & May 2024







Picture thanks  
to Red Tractor  
Designs

Someone is sitting in  
the shade today  
because someone  
planted a tree  
a long time ago

Warren Buffett