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Organisation:	<p>Key issues: Land use compatibility, Visual impact, Traffic and transport, Social impacts, Temporary accommodation</p>	
Location: New South Wales 2852		
Submitter Type: I am a member of the local community who would be particularly and directly affected by the proposed development		
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*I wish to object to the proposed Birriwa Solar Project going ahead.*

*Our property is close the proposed site and we have some grave concerns that I believe the assessment report has overlooked.*

*Our land and all property values alongside and surrounding the solar farms will be significantly reduced. Why do the hard working members of this community have to have this imposed upon them when they have worked so long and hard to achieve land and property ownership.*

*The department considers that the project will not result in and significant reduction in land values in areas surrounding the project. This is completely untrue. No one I have spoken to would want to live or buy near one.*

*The department notes that grazing can continue concurrently with the operation of the solar farm. What about water for the stock ? the dams will be filled in within the surrounding areas. What of weed control and pasture improvement under the panels that sheep are grazing underneath. The ground underneath the panels will become spoilt and poor and unproductive from overgrazing and lack of improvement.. Stock need pasture, this will not be growing under solar panels.*

*The Department states that there are environmental benefits from solar energy. What about the millions and millions of finished solar panels at the end of their life, they are toxic to the environment , where will they be put ? Landfill ? No one I ask can tell me, except that "maybe" by the end of their life they will be able to be recycled. No guarantees though. How beneficial to the environment is the mining for the materials to make them . These questions need answers before this project and the thousands like it are approved.*

*The Department considers that the project will result in benefits to the local community, but it cannot say specifically what these are. From the community view it is looking to loose farming families which in turn support the livestock agents and the rural farm produce businesses. After the initial influx of temporary workers what is left? These projects kill small communities, people dont want to live in industrial "Renewable " energy zones.*

*There seems to no detailed mitigation for non associated neighbors looking over this site.*

*There are 22 non associated residences located within a 2km radius of the project, this is too many... 2 is too many. What about these poor people who dont want it on their door step and have no say in the matter.*

*How is the Department going to ensure that the developer will adhere to the conditions of consent. Will the Department ensure this, or will it be like the Beryl Solar Farm where it did not comply with consent conditions and the neighbours are still awaiting mitigation.*



*Please defer the final determination of this project until the cumulative impacts of the vast amount of solar, wind and transmission projects across the CWO REZ are properly identified and investigated, and the social, economic and environmental damage has been fully and honestly investigated.*

*Government departments failed to openly discuss and inform the communities of the establishment of the CWO REZ from the outset, this was thrust upon people who were given no say as to whether they wanted this industrialisation in their rural communities, at the very least, support the people who support the country, and defer this decision.*

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