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I would like to raise three concerns with this project. First concern is a safety concern, the second is an environmental and the third is a financial concern.

I live approximately 900m from the proposed solar farm. This close proximity to the solar farm's battery banks are of major concern. I understand that safety measures will be put in place to prevent the battery banks from catching fire, but as we all know accidents can happen no matter how hard we try to prevent them from happening. I am very concerned after reviewing lithium battery fire cases. These battery fires are incredibly volatile and explosive. The smoke and fumes the battery fires produce are incredibly toxic. I fear for myself, my family and the surrounding thousands of people who live so close to this toxic potential hazard.

Secondly I am very concerned with the visual impact this farm will have on our environment. We live on the opposite side of the valley to the solar farm and we are located on the side of a hill. The solar farm is on the other side of the valley on the side of a hill. There is no way that any planted screen will reach the height needed to block the view of the panels we will see from our kitchen window and from our back deck, which is our outdoor entertainment area. The residents of my area of Dunlop will forever have to put up with this farm that is going to destroy our current beautiful views of the hills and paddocks.

The third major concern is a financial concern. The panels are visible from my kitchen window and from my back deck, which will reduce the value of my house and put off many potential buyers. Also safety concern of fire risk of the lithium batteries will affect the house prices in the area, and will most likely increase the insurance premiums, which will be ongoing cost for us forever.

This solar farm is already causing me lots of anxiety for the future and stress as I'm very concerned about my family's finances and health. If this farm gets built, it will affect my mental health severely.

I urge you to take into consideration the residents of Dunlop and put a stop to this solar farm. This is not the place for it. It needs to be moved to another location away from a densely populated area.
