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OBJECT

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I'm Katey Battenally, currently living in Belconnen, but I grew up in Wallaroo and my parents & brother still live there.

My husband & I & our 2 kids live on reserve in Hawker, in Belconnen overlooking Bushland, my appreciation for where we are now is based on where I grew up in gorgeous Wallaroo.

My brother and I were very lucky to have had the opportunity to live in Wallaroo growing up, after decades of my parents hard work to build their place and establish their gardens from complete scratch, and even luckier to be able to visit regularly. They live for the land they own and live off the land as much as possible.

They support renewable energy on their property and in my opinion, have done all the right things for their environment in setting up their property properly, over the past 20+ years - right down to what types of vegetation to plant, and where, and what most benefits the wind and harsh weather from the west, to protect their aspect, and the aspect of their neighbours and most importantly, to protect all wildlife and domestic animal life they accommodate on their block.

I believe this is a common mutual understanding of all Wallaroo residents when building anything on any of their properties, which is why this proposed solar farm has most of the community up in arms about it. It doesn't gel well and is not seemingly aligned with the local and surrounding suburbs and the city of Canberra's approach to developments of any kind.

Now - the Solar farm proposal from mine and it's sure, shared points of view - it's jurisdiction contradiction.

With the proposed solar farm; I worry that purely just the fact that the location is inconsistent with the Yass Valley settlement strategy, and locating the development within the 5km buffer area, undermines the intended objectives to protect the open rural landscape and environmental values in the area - as many community members have addressed today already.

The potential jurisdictional loophole that allows something like this to be only 800metres from ACT's residents of Dunlop Macgregor Charnwood and Fraser seems unfair for them

I don't understand how it's fair to be this close to a residential area in the ACT.

With the proposed location being inconsistent with the current rural zoning due to the potential for contamination being released into agricultural and residential areas, and drinking water sourceway should a battery fire ignite, it seems to be the wrong location and a jurisdiction contradiction as I said earlier.

Wallaroo and property in general is all about Location, location location - home owners & residents of neighbouring ACT suburbs would more than likely say the same thing; so yes, can we change the location? Thank you for the chance to write this submission.

Katey Battenally.