New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

LUKE MCCARROLL **OBJECT** Submission No: 189634

Organisation:		Key issues:	*Energy transition,Land use compatibility,Visual impacts,Biodiversity,Traffic,Noise,Waste,Hazards and risks,Community benefit*
Location:	*New South Wales 2618*		
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of the Wallaroo solar farm. While I recognize the importance of renewable energy projects and solar energy in reducing green house gas emissions there are several significant concerns with the proposal.

The key issues are the potential decline in land values, increased fire risks and environmental impacts on local flora and fauna. Additionally, recent trends in the energy market conditions indicate a more thorough evaluation of the project is required.

The AEIC conducted a review in July 2023 to advise on improving community engagement on renewable energy infrastructure developments. Unfortunately, the recommendations of this review have not been implemented in this project. There has been a lack of awareness and consultation. A key recommendation was for developers to identify and promote selection of the best sites for projects, avoiding poor and inappropriate sites. The proposed site for the Wallaroo solar farm is unsuitable and needs to be reconsidered and an alternative locations should be explored to preserve the natural and economic integrity of the region.

Large-scale solar farm in the vicinity of residential areas can adversely affect land values.

Properties located near the proposed solar farm site are likely to experience a depreciation in market value. This depreciation is a significant concern for homeowners in an already very volatile housing market.

The visual impact of a large solar farm would destroy the scenic beauty that defines this region, negatively impacting both local wildlife and tourism.

Thank you for considering my objection