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*I am writing as a concerned local long-term (living there for over 40 years) resident who has not been consulted at all about the Wallaroo solar farm development and the significant negative impacts to the local community, among many other things, especially the road and traffic issues that will arise from this. My family, including elderly parents have also not been consulted and are deeply concerned about the improper assessment of Wallaroo road that they drive on a daily basis, as being suitable for so many large, heavy, over-sized vehicles. The use of the proposed route (Wallaroo Rd, Gooromon Ponds and Southwell Rd) by these heavy and over-sized vehicles on such a scale will surely end in vehicle accidents most likely causing fatalities, not to mention the damage to road edges, property fences and driveways and potentially houses as large vehicle already have difficulty accessing that route. In fact - currently there is a ban on vehicle over 5 tonne on Gooromon Ponds Rd as assessed by NSW previously for public safety.*

*Although not located nearby to the site, but within a 5 kilometers radius - we will be impacted by and are concerned about;*

*- the appalling lack of consideration of traffic and road safety along Wallaroo Road, Gooramom Ponds and Southwell Road. The road as it currently is, is barely wide enough for a school bus to pass a 4WD especially when towing. It is not acceptable for the proposed MR/HR vehicles or AV/B-Double vehicles which will not be able to safely pass existing local vehicle traffic, the school bus or any other light truck that currently uses these roads. If the development goes ahead there needs to be significant reconsideration of the suitability of the road and the improvements that would need to be made in line with the proposed upgrade of the Barton Hwy/Wallaroo Road intersection but along the entire route.*

*- the solar farm noise and noise of the construction activities - the noise and vibrations of a construction site of that size will carry kms*

*- the impacts to the water table - with many residents using bore water and the general water quality which flows in our direction and towards the Murrumbidgee river corridor, especially with the potential for oil spillages as identified in the environmental impact statement documentation.*

*- the increased fire risk during bushfire season with the proposed battery storage and substation activities added additional risk without additional resources for the local RFS*

*- the depreciation of capital value of properties will negatively impact the broader community without due and long-term compensation.*

*It is unthinkable that a development of this significance, given the impact to so many locals who have been poorly and corruptly communicated to ie "hush money offers to nearby residents" would be permitted to proceed especially given the Yass Council opposition and ACT Government concerns expressed in the media in writing to the NSW Planning Minister. For the same reasons the Mudgee solar farm was rejected - so too should the Wallaroo Solar Farm.*



*As senior commissioner Susan Dixon said in her judgement regarding the Mudgee solar farm "The excessive scale of the proposed solar arrays, located on a site that is within a low-lying, visually sensitive rural landscape setting, demonstrates that the development as proposed is not suitable for the site" - and this is true for the Wallaroo solar development for the very same reasons, including the poor consultation and bullying tactics of the proponents in "buying residents' silence".*

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