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To put it simply, I am against the Wallaroo solar farm. I do not think it is at all fair that a project of this size could even be considered to go ahead within only 800m of Dunlop. For context, I live in Belconnen and I sell Real Estate in the West Belconnen band, I don't think it's reasonable that people who have purchased in this location for it's rolling hills and beautiful views are now going to be subject to this humongous eye sore which has the potential to affect prices in those areas dramatically. If this project were to go ahead, I would feel for the first home buyer who got a home loan with an LVR of 80%, only to now realise that if they wanted to move in the future, that potentially their life savings could be soaked up if the property prices drop in that area due to the solar farm. Were any of the residents in the West Belconnen area consulted? Did they have a proper opportunity to speak their mind on the issue? If the house prices in the area were to drop because of this project, is there an avenue for them to seek compensation?

My understanding is that in NSW, a solar farm of this size would not be allowed within a 5km radius of such a high density area, so why is it being considered so close to the ACT? There is an imaginary line that is splitting the two states and again, I don't think it's reasonable for this to be considered in this location. I can only assume that 5km radius is there to protect residents from:

The visual impact

The potential glare

The noise and traffic of construction

The fire risk

Why aren't these things being considered for the ACT?

It is my understanding that the Springdale solar farm is 8km from the Town in Sutton

The Gunning solar farm is 12km from Gunning

The Blind creek solar farm is 8km from Bungendore

The Goonumbla Solar farm is 10km from Parkes

The Wyalong Solar farm is 7.5km from West Wyalong

And the Williamsdale Solar farm is 20km south of Canberra.

I can't fathom how the Wallaroo solar farm can be considered in this location when it's less than 1km from Canberra, an absolute jurisdiction contraction.

In closing, with the lack of consultation, particularly with the residents of Belconnen, along with the short distance to such a high density housing area, I propose that the Wallaroo Solar farm project be rejected.