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**OBJECT**

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*I am strongly opposed to the Wallaroo Solar Farm. I am a resident located in close proximity to the proposed solar farm. I have grave concerns about the health and safety of my family and the surrounding communities.*

*There are several aspects of this project which are concerning but I will focus on in my opinion the two most important which will affect the daily lives of residents who live close to the solar farm and there are many of them. The impact of the construction traffic and the fire danger threat associated with a solar farm so close to residential areas.*

*People may not realise that the roads on which the proposed solar farm developers will be using to access the industrial site will be accessed on "typical" rural roads. These roads are in places narrow, uneven, several bends and on either side of the roads there is an embankment. The size of the proposed trucks which are to access these roads (90 vehicle movements per day) can not safely travel down these roads without impacting on the safety of the residents and the many visitors to the area. There are children who access school buses at their farm gates and having these trucks some of which are 52 metres long come down the road is terrifying. It would not be possible to fit on the road with these larger construction vehicles. Any type of traffic management would not stop the threat of collisions and serious impact on local families accessing the road every single day. Families entering and exiting their properties several times a day are at risk of collisions occurring.*

*The reality is that there is one road in and one road out of Wallaroo and this reinforces the fact that it is not the correct location for a solar farm.*

*I have voiced my concerns at several meetings about the batteries which will be housed on the site and my concerns have not been addressed. There are serious fire danger issues which can occur if these batteries catch fire. The close proximity of local residents and livestock is logistically an issue if a fire does occur. The solar panels and lithium batteries if affected by fire can cause serious damage to the environment and affect a large area of residents. We have experienced in recent history the fires which affected Canberra and remember the catastrophic event that it was. The threat of this occurring due to a solar farm which has been placed in a heavily populated area is very concerning.*

*In conclusion, I urge the Independent Planning Commission to consider the points I have raised in this submission and understand the extent to which the lives of many people will be negatively impacted if this was to go ahead.*

*Thank you.*

*Robert Di Iulio*