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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of the solar power farm at Muscle Creek. While I support the need for clean and renewable energy, I believe there are several important concerns regarding this project that need to be addressed.

First and foremost, the environmental impact on the local ecosystem is a significant issue. The proposed location of the solar farm is a habitat for various wildlife species, and the construction of the farm would disrupt their natural habitat. Removing trees, altering the landscape, and potentially contaminating nearby water sources could have long-lasting detrimental effects on the surrounding environment, affecting the flora and fauna that rely on this land for survival. This includes the vulnerable Grey-crowned Babbler along with many other bird species, bandicoots, turtles, wallabies, kangaroos, possums, blue tongue lizards, goannas, snakes, as well as many other reptiles, just to name a few.

Additionally, the aesthetic and social impact of the solar farm cannot be overlooked. The installation of large-scale solar panels would dramatically alter the visual landscape of the area. This could significantly affect the local community, particularly those who have lived in this area for generations, and whose quality of life is tied to the beauty and tranquility of the environment. The presence of such an industrial installation could also lower property values, much more than what has been listed as compensation, diminishing the investments of local residents like myself. I choose to buy my property BECAUSE of the beautiful rural outlook, the fresh air, and the amazing abundance of plant and animal life, NOT to have to look at a horrendous looking solar farm and watch as the land and waterway is ruined and potentially poisoned.

Another concern is the potential economic impact. While the solar farm may create short-term construction jobs, which will add to the current housing crisis with more out of town workers being brought in, the long-term benefits for the local economy are unclear. 9 full time jobs really doesn't make up for the destruction of the land that our 80+ houses in the Woodland Ridge Estate alone would have to deal with. If the solar power farm is intended to sell energy elsewhere, the financial benefits to the community may be minimal, with most profits directed elsewhere. Additionally, the land used for the farm would no longer be available for agriculture practices.

Lastly, I am concerned about the lack of consultation and transparency with the local community. It is important that the voices of the residents and stakeholders are heard and considered in such a significant development. Proper community engagement and thorough environmental assessments should be conducted before moving forward with any plans that could affect our region's way of life. The in person meeting should not have been moved online.

I urge you to reconsider the location for this solar power farm and explore alternative sites that do not pose such risks to the environment, local economy, and community well-being, such as Liddell, where the area is already set up for the logistics, the connection to the grid, the lake will catch residues, our waterway and the waterways down stream from us will be safe, this complete eyesore wouldn't be on our doorsteps, the extra fire and toxin risk to our properties will be removed and the Muswellbrook community will still benefit from the 9 full time jobs. Sustainable energy should be pursued in a manner that is responsible and considerate of the needs of the people who live in the area.



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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that my concerns will be taken into account as you move forward with your decision.
