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OBJECT

Submission ID: 228476

Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Land Use Compatibility/Conflict, Energy Transition, Cumulative Impacts, Traffic, Biodiversity, Visual Impacts, Social Impacts, Economic Impacts</i>
Location: New South Wales 2333	
Attachment: Attached overleaf	

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To whom it may concern,

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The land ([REDACTED]) had previously been for sale in the 90's however was removed due to Muswellbrook coal identifying an opportunity to ship waste from Sydney to be placed into the mining void when the mine was scheduled to close in the late 90's. This idea obviously did not go ahead.

The residential development was once again approved and over the last 24 years many families have built their homes in this area (Woodland Ridge Estate). This development will extensively damage the values of private properties in this area and the amenities of the area as well as the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of this area.

The project has 58 submissions rejecting its appropriateness for the selected location and only 3 supporting the application one of which is the developer, the second a landholder who will receive significant financial gain and the third being a business that supplies security services from outside the local area. There are 128 non-associated residences located within 2 km of the development footprint, the majority of which are located within Woodland Ridge Estate which are all going to be affected to some degree.

The smell/stink and management over the previous 25 years has been less than ideal, mainly due to the mine not being controlled as all other mines in NSW and the controlling body being Muswellbrook Council. There have been many days that you were unable to even open a window, which gives me hesitancy in the ability for the current application to be managed appropriately.

Since this application has been made there have been some major developments in the power sector including an application from AEMO to be enabled to shut down solar supplies as required, it makes no sense to build a project such as the one proposed in its current location when solar prices most days are negative on the wholesale market and the BESS within the project could be charged each day for free.

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-12-02/aemo-demands-emergency-backstop-to-switch-off-solar/104670332?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=twitter&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web&s=09 (response 5.2.1 in Submission report).

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The community are being exposed to unnecessary worry due to this project and the recent letter from the developer stating they will pay \$500 a year towards rates for people withing 5km of the project is simply bribery.



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