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Re: SSD- 29508870-Birriwa Solar Farm Development

☒ I declare I have not made any reportable political donations in the last two years.

☒ I acknowledge and accept the Department of Planning and Environment's disclaimer and declaration

Name: PETER MAIDEN

Signature: P.M.

Dated: 7 NOVEMBER 2022

Introduction and Background:

My name is Peter George Maiden. I met Warwick (Lou) Armstrong in 1963 at a boarding school in Sydney. We have remained close friends for the last 52 years through to today in 2022. During our relationship I have travelled pre and post our marriages to each other's homes with loving shared times with our children.

We have loved our visits and time with our close friends in the Birriwa and Dunedoo Area. To continue down the proposed Government approach borders on recklessness and disregards families in the area.

I have been a Project Manager for a global Management Consulting Firm across 8 countries/Major Cities (Australia, Indonesia, Fiji, Houston-USA, Washington DC-USA, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. I have been responsible for submitting and critiquing cogent business cases for large and complex public and private entities. Today I am enjoying a professional career in Sydney a health carer.

I have reviewed the background of the initial Pilot Project and aware of its subsequent extensive Development Phases and Infrastructure.

My personal relationships cover the following Figure 1.2 EMM Map Visual Impact Assessment references and families

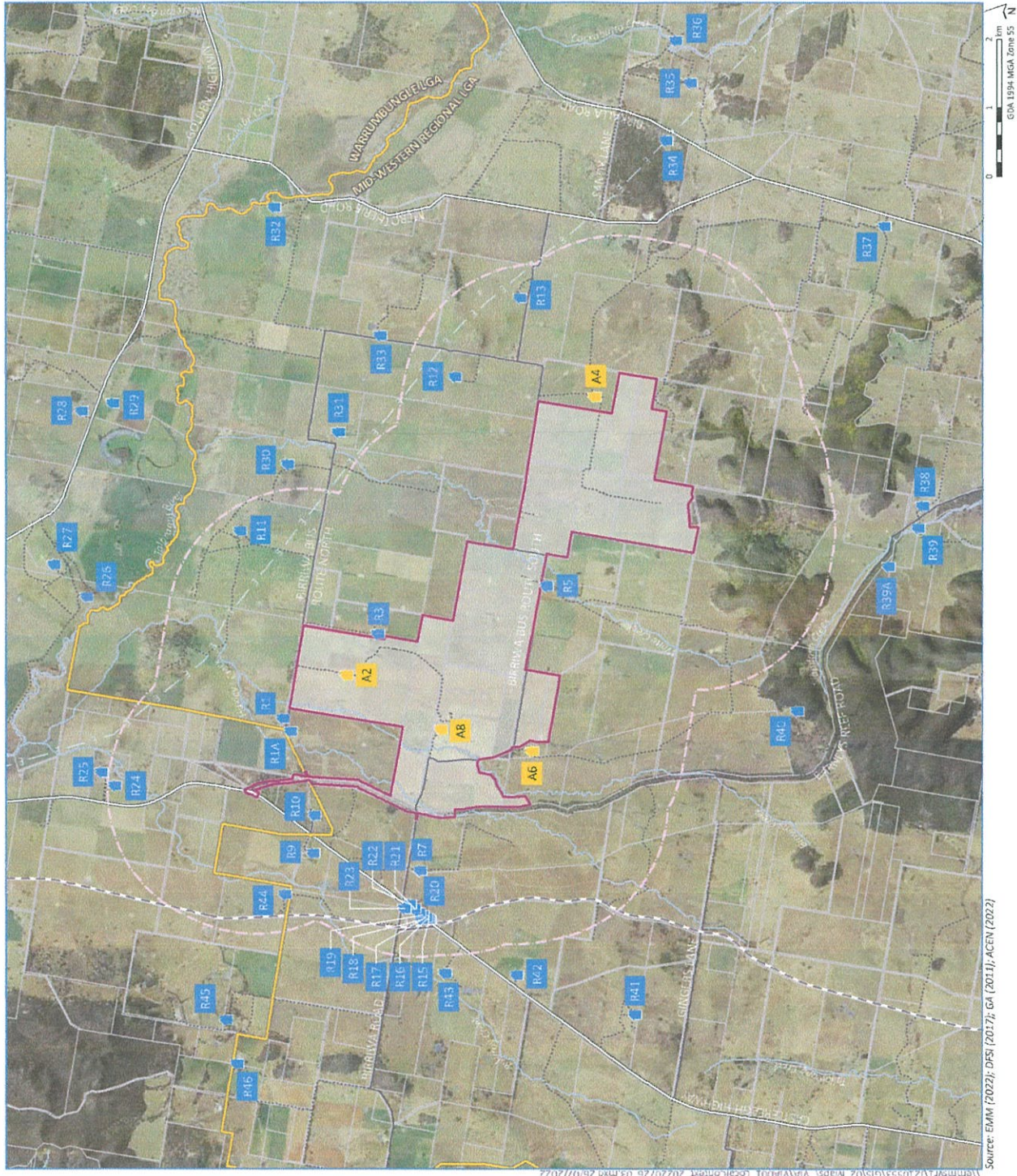
| Map Reference | Location | Site Family Residents | Indicative Age |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| R 30 | Just outside the pink line | Lou & Jen Armstrong | 70 & 67 |
| R 11 | Just inside the pink line | Henry & Sarah Armstrong | 41 & 39 |
| R 1 | Just outside Purple Line | Pilli Armstrong | 37 |
| R 27 | Just outside the river | Brian Bowman | 73 |
| R 32 | Just inside the river | Jim & Mandy & Kate Bowman | 72 & 70 & 42 |
| R 26 | Just outside the river | Andrew Bowman | 38 |

I object to the Birriwa Solar Farm Development for the following reasons:

1. **RUSH Approach/Approvals : Timing and Inventory Accelerations** from a “Pilot Solar Project” to “a Large Scale Project (with Solar, Wind, Power Lines, Energy Hub, etc” without comprehensive community consultation(s) across “Governments” strategic/tactical goals and objectives:
 - i. A shared understanding of success
 - ii. A vision of the future
 - iii. Creating meaningful solutions in the energy market
 - iv. Ensuring ongoing value is delivered, measured and performance reported
2. **LACK OF Performance Measurement : Cost and Quality** By Stakeholder -Lack of transparency and accountability across LGA, Surrounding LGs S, States and Nationally), including Macro and Detailed Feasibility Cost and Benefits across the following issues:
 - i. Environment Impact Study e.g. koala and bush wallabies I
 - ii. Social Rural Lifestyle Disruptive Impact Study e.g. change in physical degradation of rural sight and noise pollution, etc
 - iii. Financial Compensation by Stakeholder
3. **TAXING Family Entrepreneurship Choices** of Change with Lack of Statistical Evidence of Property Values will be devalued with local evidence yet to come. Current owner type classification, with Sell Situations:
 - i. Utilise current land values to mortgage debt on new acquisitions for family
 - ii. Seek to move to City and/or major town for Mum & Dad
4. **JARGON TALK to the public Without “Customer Satisfaction Surveys”**
5. **Prices Offered to Owners based on Locations and Acreage (Absentee-Non Absentees-Mix)**

I look forward to positively progressing my complaint with the Government. I expect that any progress will align to a “Best In Class Internationally”, as it significantly it currently falls short, though may continue on this approach for the sole profits of developers with the current decision makers Rushing for an Energy Solution without regards to the rural land owners.

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- KEY**
- Study area Study area buffer (2 km)
 - Dwelling not associated with the project Dwelling not associated with the project
 - Electricity transmission line (33 kV)
 - Rail line
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Vehicular track
 - Named watercourse
 - Cadastral boundary
 - Waterbody
 - Local government area

Local context

Birriwa Solar and Battery Project
Visual impact assessment
Figure 1.2



Source: EMM (2022); DSI (2017); GA (2011); ACEN (2022)