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Name of Project: Middlebrook Solar Farm
Application No: SSD-10455

I declare I have made no reportable political donations in the last two years.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTION

I deliver mail along Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Road every weekday.

I object to the proposed Middlebrook Solar Farm development for the below reasons.

Road conditions

The increased traffic on the local dirt roads will seriously deteriorate the already poor conditions. Both Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Road are full of large potholes which makes driving dangerous after rain events & increasing the vehicle movements by such a substantial amount with 400 workers also using the gravel roads will almost make the roads impassable.

Safety

As a daily user of the roads, I am concerned for the safety of local road users who will face a substantial increase in traffic. There is already a lot of wildlife on Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Road especially kangaroos which makes driving dangerous with only one vehicle on the road at a time, let alone peak construction periods which will see over 160 vehicles on the dirt road.

Dust

Both Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Road are extremely dusty at present, even with only limited vehicle movements. By adding such high numbers of vehicles including trucks onto these dirt roads the amount of dust created will be both a visibility and health hazard for local road users. The developer should be required to bitumen both Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Roads to mitigate the amount of dust caused by the increased traffic.

Visual amenity

As a daily road user of both Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Roads, the proposed development will detract from the rural nature and peaceful atmosphere of the area. I feel for the local residents and farmers who will be affected by the visual impact of an industrial project of this size.

Signed:

