

To: Director – Energy Assessments

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I would like my details to be withheld from publication.

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

The selected site is outside the planned New England Renewable Energy zone and positioned on good agricultural land, more suited to primary production NOT industrialisation. The same argument applies to the proposed Arcacia Solar Farm development close by in Loomberah on prime agricultural farming land. It would appear that the developers have looked at both sites as the cheap option of using land close to existing power line infrastructure with little or no regard to the consequential problems that it will lead to through the lack of strategic planning for two possible close developments, which are adjacent to unsealed country lanes with the inherent problems of dust pollution and road degradation, increased traffic and the safety of school bus travellers and recreational users.

Middlebrook Road and Marsden Park Road are quiet country roads providing access to quality farming and grazing land and a development of this nature would have a serious visual impact on an otherwise picturesque, productive landscape. Solar farms should NOT be built on productive farming land, and in particular in highly populated areas. We suggest that the poor land that has been reclaimed after coal mining in the Hunter Valley would be a more appropriate site and would be much closer to the population that require all this electricity.

