Licensed with the National Parks and Wildlife ServiceTo: Director – Energy Assessments Development Assessment Department of Planning and Environment Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124 Name: Address: Address: Name of Project: Middlebrook Solar Farm Application No: SSD-10455

I do not require my details to be withheld.

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

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

OBJECTION

I am a professional trapper licensed with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and retired police officer.

I object to the proposed Middlebrook Solar Farm development because:

- Increased risk of crime

- The large workforce and increased number of people in the area will increase the likelihood of crime, most likely vandalism, theft and trespass on surrounding properties.
- It would be reasonable for the proponent to provide all properties within a 5km radius with a secure entry gate plus security monitors at their residence and sheds to prevent opportunistic crime, theft and discourage trespass.

Increased danger on the roads

- I am well acquainted with the district roads surrounding the proposed solar farm. The increased traffic and dust will make the roads more dangerous
- Rapid road deterioration will cause tyre damage and cause accidents.
- Slippery unsealed roads due to watering are also a source of danger. Dirty front and rear windscreens are additional hazards as are vehicles covered in mud and dust which are less visible to other traffic
- In the interest of safety, it would be reasonable for the proponent to upgrade all
 potential access routes (not just the preferred access on Middlebrook Road) to
 bitumen, improve turning facilities on the highway and passing options on the narrow
 local roads.

Reduction in feral animal control

- I am a licensed trapper and am part of the feral animal control programs on nearby properties.
- The proponents have not indicated they will continue with a feral animal control
 program on the property, which will affect the surrounding properties and could lead
 to an increase in feral animal numbers including deer, rabbits, wild pigs and foxes.
 Current concerns regarding the arrival of foot and mouth disease from Indonesia

make this development unacceptably risky in an intensive food and fibre production area.

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