

## **Article 2**

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(a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

(b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and

### **Extract of Paris Agreement on Climate Change**

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Submission, Wallaby Creek Wind Farm and BESS Proposal

I object to this proposed project because:

#### **Food Security Impacted**

Australia is a signatory to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Article 2, partly reproduced below, requires in Article 2 section 1(b) that actions taken to reduce greenhouse emissions is to be done "in a manner that does not threaten food production". Clearly this project will utilise some of Australia's 6% of agricultural land and therefore threaten food production now and in future generations. If the project is approved then it will be in breach of Australia's obligations under this article.

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### **Fails Other Paris Agreement Requirements**

In addition, the project will have an immediate and long-term increase in greenhouse emissions prior to completion of the project, require an unsustainable ten or more times the materials by weight per KWh produced over 50 years than an equivalent capacity HELE, CCGT or Nuclear power plant. As is the overseas and Australian experience to date, the addition of wind and BESS projects to the grid increases electricity costs to consumers, which increases household poverty and results in business failures.

In summary, this project fails to meet the requirements of the Paris Agreement, to which Australia is a signatory. It will make no measurable impact on climate; it is an unsustainable development due to excessive materials use; it substantially increases greenhouse gases at both ends of the project; increases poverty within Australia and overseas where slave labour is used in the mining and manufacturing processes; and will reduce food production throughout the project life and likely beyond due to soil contamination.