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Dear Sir,

Submission of Support - Wollar Solar Farm SSD 9254

I fully support the proposed Wollar Solar Farm as a positive project for the environmental and socio-economic benefits it will bring to the Wollar community.

It is a welcome change to have a State Significant Development proposal in our local area that does not involve the extraction of fossil fuels. The large-scale open cut coal mining operations in our region have provided no positive benefits to the Wollar community.

It is hoped that young people associated with our community will benefit from training and job opportunities provided by the proposed Wollar Solar Farm. It is also hoped that this project will help to turn around the demise of the Wollar community.

The possible attraction of young families to the Wollar district may help to reopen the Wollar Public School and add fresh blood to the local Bushfire Brigade and other community volunteer organisations.

The 12 – 18 month period of construction should provide opportunities for the leasee of Wollar General Store through increased patronage thus improving the viability of the business. This will in turn assist remaining Wollar district residents threatened by the possible closure of the shop and mail services.

It is very disappointing that the Social Impact Management Plan for the Wilpinjong Coal Mine Extension Project has not yet been finalised and signed off by the Department.

The Wollar community will benefit from the proposed Wollar Solar Farm. This project should be approved.

Yours sincerely



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