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### **Submission SUPPORTING the Wollar Solar Farm**

Healthy Rivers Dubbo is very pleased to be able to write a submission in favour of the Wollar Solar Farm.

Fossil fuel energy production is a major contributor to climate change, which is having a serious negative impact on our world, in particular our rivers. The development of Solar Energy Farms is a necessary transition away from fossil fuel reliance.

Increasing coal mining impacts on and Aboriginal cultural heritage. This development avoids those impacts. There is no land use conflict from this project in the area.

Unlike the neighbouring Wilpinjong open cut coal mine, this new development will create no amenity and visibility issues. The new development will create clean local jobs and attract new families to the Wollar district.

This project will diversify the regional economy, thereby making it more resilient. This will improve the viability of the Wollar General Store, create local job and training opportunities that will help reinvigorate the Wollar community.

The Commonwealth and NSW Governments have commitments that must be met in reducing carbon emissions in an attempt to curb climate change, and this project will support those requirements by displacing approx. 515,564 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

This project will feed 290MW green power with battery storage into the national electricity grid, generating enough clean, renewable energy for about 104,926 average NSW homes.

For the health of our environment, including our rivers, Healthy Rivers Dubbo is pleased to support this project, and looks forward to being able to support many more like it in the future.

Sincerely,

Mel Gray

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