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Submission of Support: Wollar Solar Farm Modification (SSD-9254-Mod-4)

I support the proposed modification of the Wollar Solar Farm approval to allow for an increased storage capacity on site. All solar projects in NSW should have a requirement to include maximum storage capacity to back up the grid when needed.

The urgency to electrify all industries based on renewable energy sources is critical to move towards Net Zero by 2050. The emerging costs to the economy, society and environment from increasing extreme weather events is a threat to lives and livelihoods across Australia and the world.

The key concern with this project is the possible conjunction with the construction of the other major renewable energy project in Wollar district, the starting point for the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWOREZ). Preliminary works at the Barigan Creek switching station have now commenced with construction, including transmission towers, to commence in early 2026.

The Traffic Impact Assessment for Mod 4 is out of date and needs to include new information relating to heavy vehicle, contractor and workforce movements associated with the CWOREZ. The cumulative impact assessment needs to include vehicle movements to and from Wollar on all roads including Wollar Rd, Ulan-Wollar Rd and Bylong-Wollar Rd. Increased movements of truck and dog heavy vehicles from Bylong Quarry need to be included in the cumulative impact assessment.

Yours sincerely



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