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OBJECTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLAR FARM AT THE WALLA WALLA SITE.

We are objecting to the establishment of the whole project on such high value agricultural capacity. Solar power generation is a most unsuitable enterprise on prime agricultural land as the long and medium term effect on the land are poorly understood and potentially harmful.

Sheep grazing is long term unproven.

Decommissioning costs and the solar panel disposal are not addressed which points to a lack of understanding of the potential negative effect of these issues on the restoration of productivity in the future.

The bushfire threat and its mitigation needs to be endorsed by the locals who have the responsibility of fighting the fires.

Such historically significant country together with the production capacity over at least two centuries cannot be dismissed as insignificant.

Whilst my husband and I are residents of the western district of Victoria, our connection with this iconic part of NSW, and Walla Walla in particular, goes back to the 1800's, when my husband's family farmed in the area. We are horrified that this project could be established in this area when the capacity and reliability around food and fibre production is well established. With only seven long term full time jobs possibly created, it seems yet once more the so called community benefits around solar power generation facilities is exaggerated.

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