

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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RE: TAMWORTH SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL

We are a community climate activist group based in Tamworth NSW. Our goal is to advocate for urgent action to cut Australia's carbon emissions to zero as fast as possible, and thus secure a safe and healthy environment for our children's future. We are interested in any local projects or other endeavours which contribute to this goal.

As such, we are fully supportive of the Tamworth Solar Farm project. We believe that our region is rich in renewable energy resources (solar and wind) and well-positioned to be a leader in this area. This makes sense from both environmental and economic perspectives. Per capita, Australia is one of the highest carbon emitters in the world. We must move quickly from outdated and damaging fossil fuel power to clean renewable energy, to meet our international obligations and set a strong example for less affluent and advantaged countries. Further, we are witnessing increased divestment in fossil fuel projects as awareness of the climate crisis grows and the efficiencies and other benefits of renewable technology become more widely known. The New England region has the opportunity to be "on the front foot" in embracing this global shift.

We have read the provided Scoping Report and are satisfied that the proposed project will not have a negative impact on local biodiversity outweighing its environmental benefits. We also note that the construction phase of the project will bring employment opportunities to our region.

In conclusion, we feel that the Tamworth Solar Farm project is a positive development for our region, and more broadly for our planet and children's futures.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Rainbird'.

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