

# centralwest environment council

870 Ophir Road, Summer Hill Creek, NSW 2800

Major Projects, NSW Government

Planning & Environment

Wollar Solar Farm

I am writing in support of this proposal on behalf of the Central West Environment Council (CWEC) which is an umbrella group representing several district environment groups in the Central West of New South Wales.

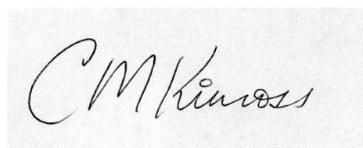
Although I had some initial concerns due to the fact that there would be some clearing of Ecological Endangered Communities, I think that overall that this is a positive development and the company has tried hard to avoid destruction of native vegetation and threatened species habitat as well Aboriginal sites.

The development will have provide considerable renewable energy into the grid that will provide over 100,000 homes with electricity that would otherwise have emitted over 500,000 tons of carbon dioxide. This will contribute to climate commitments at both the federal and state level.

There appears to be considerable support from the local community. There will be additional jobs and training that will help diversify the local economy, especially the Wollar General Store. Furthermore, the community is pleased at the approach taken by the company to avoid conflicts of land use and environmental damage, such as is occurring with the adjacent Wilpinjong coal mine.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this development. We seem to be going in the right direction at last for this region.

Yours sincerely



Cilla Kinross, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.