

Oxley Solar Farm Objection

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Dear Minister

SSD No - Oxley Solar Farm Armidale

I am writing to OBJECT to the proposed Oxley Solar Farm SSD 10346. I strongly disagree to the proposed solar farm and I wish to lodge my concerns about this development with you.

One of the main impacts to this environment is erosion. As the solar farm is not being built on flat land, when heavy rain falls the land will erode and flow directly down the hill into the river system nearby, introducing a danger to the threatened and endangered species in the river also including flora. How can you stop this land from eroding? It would be impossible to stop it!

When the land erodes into the river, I strongly believe this will have a significant impact on the wildlife that live in the area. The main threat will be towards the duck-billed platypus that live and breed in this unique river system. These platypi are a protected species and live happily in this healthy river system.

Another issue I am concerned about is the fires. How are you going to prevent a fire from tearing through the panels? You say that you have a fire plan but really, how fireproof is your plan when fire is unpredictable? What chemicals do the panels release into the air when they are burnt? How will it affect the electricity? because we all know that fire, water and electricity do not mix well.

Lastly, I am also concerned about the life span of the solar panels and the disposing of these panels into landfill. How does create a sustainable future when all of us are doing our part but then you guys go and put all these panels into landfill? I want to know where will the old solar panels be dumped? Will they be in Armidale? How will they affect the wider community?

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