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Dear Minister

**SSD No. Oxley Solar Farm Armidale
No. 10346**

I am **objecting** strongly to the Oxley Solar Farm SSD 1036 on the following grounds:

1. **Reduced visual amenity** – The planned solar farm would change significantly the visual landscape I currently enjoy. At present, from my kitchen window and every window facing east, I have an amazing view to the east which would dramatically change should the Oxley Solar Farm be approved. I believe we will be in the HIGH level of visual effect. This means that from our place we will see the whole proposed farm. We are situated on a hill and there is no tree that will grow fast enough or high enough to screen the magical views we currently enjoy. I am disappointed in the viewpoint image that was taken from near our place. It states that we will not be effected. How can they take photos from ridiculous spots to give the audience a false view of what can be seen? This is a huge flaw in the process and procedures undertaken by the developer. Within a few metres we would look at ugly panels and be affected by glare which can only be imagined. What implication will the glare have on our health? Will this impact on our ability to be outside?

These images are the views from our house yard. We will see majority of the farm. What screening will block this view?



2. **Complete lack of community consultation by the developer.** I attended the local meeting in August to discuss the proposed farm. However, whilst there I asked a number of questions about the important issues and when did not receive any response that was relevant to the questions. The developer did attend our property after we asked for a meeting and this was a total waste of our time. He did not answer any questions with confidence or by passed them with making other comments. At know time has he even made contact in regards to what was being developed at the beginning. Aren't developers meant to involve local landholders who are going to be effected in some way by the farm?

3. **Damage to the sensitive biodiversity.** Fauna and flora would be undoubtedly affected. Having this large scale farm on this undulating location we will be faced with losing our natural flora and fauna. The local wildlife we have here in the area is something visitors come to see. We have a number of endangered species surrounding the land we live and these animals will lose their habitats and risk being killed due to the high number of panels and construction works planned. How are you going to cater for these animals by placing a box in a tree for their home? How can these animals find these boxes when they will be placed away from their current habitat? Unfortunately this significant impact will be a loss to our environment and National Park.

Signed: Bev Waters
Dated: 10 April 2021