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Objection to Oxley Solar Farm-SSD No 10346

I would like to lodge an objection to **Oxley Solar Farm-SSD No 10346**.

Having visited the New England area and specifically the Castledoyle area staying with my wife's family, I have a good appreciation of the beauty of the natural environment.

I am in favour of renewable energy and am excited by the prospects of clean energy for the future. There is one caveat though to my support and that is that I strongly believe it should be situated in the right place. I have driven to the Metz Solar Farm near Armidale, proposed but not built by Infinergy Pacific, and appreciate the efforts that went into choosing this site for its minimal impact on surrounding landholders and the environment.

This is in complete contrast to the Oxley Solar Farm proposal, which will impact severely on surrounding landholders. Many landholders in this valley, will have an eyesore in their direct view. Glare will be blinding to those neighbours closest to the solar farm and cannot be screened effectively.

The screening ideas put forward by Oxley Solar Farm are quite simply absurd. It is impossible to effectively screen this industrial solar plant, trees would have to grow at least 40m in height in three years! As a result, it is obvious that Oxley Solar Development Pty Ltd has little knowledge of the growing conditions in this area and what is required for effective screening. What they have put in their submission is purely a high-level, desktop study with no relevance to the local area.

My father-in-law is a keen photographer and he has shown us the incredibly poor photographs submitted by Oxley Solar Development Pty Ltd and the deceptive way in which they have chosen the photographic angles and views. This is disgraceful and needs close scrutiny to appreciate the level of bias they have used.

I strongly object to the submission from **Oxley Solar Farm-SSD No 10346**.

I have paid no political donations.