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Objection to Oxley Solar Farm-SSD No 10346

I am writing to strongly **object** to the construction by **Oxley Solar Farm-SSD No 10346** of a 300MW solar farm with up to 50MW of battery storage and the associated infrastructure along the Castledoye Road adjoining the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, in the New England area of New South Wales. How inappropriate is it to put a solar farm with all its future unknown environmental consequences right next to a beautiful National Park and highly valued tourist destination in the Armidale area?

I support the concept of renewable energy when it is thoughtfully placed in appropriate areas. I DO NOT support the placement of an industrial solar plant on sloping agricultural land that falls into two creeks that then flow into the Macleay catchment area through the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. There is not enough proven scientific information to allay my fears of the potential environmental damage that this will cause in the future. I visit the area often to see my parents and with a young family, walking through the National Park is one recreational activity we adore.

I **strongly object** to the placement of the proposed industrial solar plant on undulating, productive agricultural land.

I have not made any political donations.