

Oxley Solar Farm Objection Submission

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Dear Minister

SSD No SSD 10346 - Oxley Solar Farm Armidale

I am writing to OBJECT to the Oxley Solar Farm SSD 10346. I am in support of the Castledoye Solar Farm Action groups submission. I am concerned about the biodiversity within the local area and what impact this will have on not only for the environment near the proposed site but the environments further down the river towards the coast.

According to some research that has been undertaken in other countries they have found that the chemicals used to make the panels can potentially have a HUGE impact on the environment. It can pollute the water ways and when these are placed into landfill the chemicals can leach into the ground. These chemicals are highly toxic and pose a threat to the local flora and fauna.

There are many animals that inhabit this area and there are a number of these which are listed on the endangered animals list. Some of these animals include koalas, platypi and spotted quoll each of which inhabit this land. Koalas have been sighted and use this area as a corridor to move from place to place. Placing fencing around the proposed site will stop these animals from moving. This can potentially be a huge impact on the population. What will be the measures to stop this? The second animal is the platypi. This animal inhabits both Commissioners Waters and Gara River. Both of these systems are a thriving healthy eco system. These beautiful animals will be under threat when erosion starts. Sediments will flow into the river after a storm and this is a problem as it will be difficult for them to eat as the water becomes murky. Erosion on a site like this will be impossible to manage. This pollution will then flow into the main river that feeds coastal towns. Who will be liable for this when this occurs? The Spotted Quoll is an animal that is sighted regularly especially at night. During the fires in 2019 more of them were sighted on neighbouring properties as they moved out of the gorge. They were looking for protection. When we fence these areas off it provide less area for them to live they will begin to die. All animals need homes and Quolls enjoy living in burrows as well. Taking these away gives them less homes to inhabit. What an impact this will have? Aren't we all for sustainability and protecting our flora and fauna? How is this doing

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Signed

Dated

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