

Oxley Solar Farm Objection Submission

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Dear Minister

SSD No SSD 10346 - Oxley Solar Farm Armidale

I am objecting to the proposed Oxley Solar Farm development SSD 10346. I am objecting of the grounds poor community consultation, impact on biodiversity, location close to the national park, Aboriginal heritage and land use.

1. **Complete lack of community consultation by the developer.** The only piece of information I have seen about this solar farm was a small information sheet that looked like someone from year 4 at my school had put together. It told me virtually nothing about the intentions of the solar farm and who the owners were. I like a lot of other people my age are becoming more aware of foreign ownership of our local assets. From what I have been told this project is not promoted by a local or Australian identity. How is this going to benefit myself and the young population my age in years to come? This money will not support us here in Australia.
2. **Proximity to the Wild Rivers National Parks.** My school regularly visits areas around this proposed area and feel children younger than me will potentially miss out on seeing this special area in its current state. These wilderness areas are close to our school which allows us to go there more often and learn in more detail the uniqueness of this area. How many students would have this opportunity at their back door without travel some distance to see it. It is a great educational space and an area which is visited by many people travelling through.
3. **Damage to Aboriginal Heritage.** I play several sports with indigenous friends who have told me that a number of the elders in the community are worried of this continual abuse and lack of understanding regarding their culture and presence in todays world. We cannot continue to destroy their land where there are significant artefacts within the site. This is their history. We already struggle to understand it. This is not helping us develop a cultural understanding.
4. **Incompatible landuse** -the loss of agricultural land. My grandparents have been at their current address since 1978 and have been valued members of the community contributing to the local economy and been in several community groups trying to better the community. Through no fault of their own they have been completely disregarded in this proposed development which has affected their health and wellbeing. My Grand Parents will be directly impacted by this solar farm on several

areas and has caused them a lot of heartache and unwanted stress. Glare of these panels will be uncontrollable and cannot be screened out. The whole process for them has been a disgrace.

Signed
Chelsea Waters
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