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To whom it may concern,

RE: Walla Walla Solar Farm – Ref SSD-9874

I am writing to strongly SUPPORT the proposed Walla Walla Solar Farm Project.

The Walla Walla Solar Energy Project is located within the Murray region – not the Riverina – where I live. This project is a priority for me and the residents of our region. For the reasons detailed below, it is clear that the economic and social benefits of this project far outweigh a discontented few. Not only will the Walla Walla Solar Energy Project help NSW meet its stated renewable energy goals, it will also employ hundreds of people and inject hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economies of Walla Walla and Culcairn as well as wider towns like Albury and Wagga Wagga.

I have found FRV to be open and informative and I hope you view the application favourably – our area needs it.

From the information provided I am of the view:

- Solar panels produce 100% clean renewable and sustainable energy. They do not generate harmful emissions, unlike the traditional fossil fuels.
- Another important aspect of FRV's solar technology is that the cost of electricity generated by the Walla Walla Solar Energy Project will introduce further competition into the NSW energy market, potentially meaning lower costs for consumers.
- The Walla Walla Solar Energy Project will have a generating capacity of 300MW and will therefore help meet regional, state and federal renewable energy goals.
- There are opportunities for business such as mine to become suppliers to the project.

In my opinion, the Walla Walla Solar Farm is in an ideal location situated away from the main highway and in close proximity to existing industry. It will enhance the local economy by generating additional tax revenue, creating new "green" jobs and boosting revenue for local businesses. Over its expected 30 year lifespan, the Walla Walla Solar Energy Project will generate much needed revenue into this local community.

Yours sincerely

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