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I have recently moved to the Northern Territory from Tasmania. In my time here I have come to learn about the SunCable's Muckaty Solar Precinct Proposal and I am concerned about the impacts this will have environmentally should it go ahead. As I understand it, the location to have the farm is the home of a significant number of Bilby and birds that are listed as vulnerable under both the Federal and Territory laws. Any project of such a scale requires the closest scrutiny to avoid irreversible damage to nature and communities. I agree with others that the project should be built on already cleared land and especially not in a bilby stronghold and close to an internationally significant wetland. It also should be linked to a serious reduction in our energy consumption. We only have one planet earth and we don't get any second chances. We should learn from our past mistakes and take extra precautions before approving projects that could have serious impacts on our environment. It sounds to me that this proposal needs to be subjected to the highest level of environmental impact assessment by the NT EPA with opportunities for public input and should be referred for assessment under Federal Legislation. Anything less than this would be highly irresponsible. Sincerely, Helene Thomas