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To whom it may concern,

Please accept this as my personal objection to the Wak Wak Solar Farm referral. I am writing to object to the proposed Wak Wak Solar Farm as a Humpty Doo resident. I object on social grounds as the planned area is well utilised recreationally by locals, a 2,500ha solar farm does not meet nearby residents' definition of rural amenity, and many of my fellow rural community members have voiced their opposition to the Solar Farm to me.

I also see zero genuine, long-term benefits to the community from this development. I object to the location as it is seasonally inundated with water levels capable of reaching depths that would submerge solar panels. Also, solar farm in this location does not meet current land zonings. I object on environmental grounds as the area is largely native habit containing several threatened species as well as other native flora and fauna which while not threatened species at this time, could become so due to habit destruction through land clearing. The cumulative impacts of clearing 2,500ha for the solar farm, alongside the clearing for Lloyd Creek Rural Village are also of great concern.

The wet lands and nearby Adelaide River Site of Conservation Significance must also be protected by not allowing this development to proceed. I also have concerns regarding water flows, erosion and silting occurring, aquifer recharge issues, and other possible problems such as temperature increases and the spread of weeds caused by the land clearing and construction of the solar farm. It also concerns me that this is being referred as a stand alone project without consideration of transmission line assessment and approvals, or the end use of the power generated - which will not benefit the community either. While I support roof top solar, I find it impossible to fathom how bulldozing 2,500ha of native habit can possibly be considered green and good for the environment.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Cass