



Submission details

I am making this submission as

A primary producer

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I would like this submission to remain anonymous

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

I am now extremely concerned and fearful of the increased fire risk that large scale toxic PV Solar factories cause dumped amidst our food producing regions at Wagga Wagga and throughout the Riverina. These large scale toxic PV Solar factories include multiple millions of toxic panels which contain hazardous metals and metaloids with the very real potential to contaminate our essential food producing land/water on a broad scale. There is no adequate recycling available in Australia for this massive present and future toxic waste burden. We need to know today where these burnt aged fractured and damaged toxic panels are going now, will be going in the future and what happens to them.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Large scale toxic PV Solar factories now threaten numerous productive rural areas in the Riverina from the increased serious fire risk and the potential broadscale land/water contamination they cause. Foolish NSW government decision making with complete disregard for Australia's rich precious soil, food security, rural communities, and producers has forcibly dumped these hazardous experimental developments amidst our productive communities. Adequate testing has not been done to prove that we will not be detrimentally harmed and our productivity threatened by the heat island impact of these obnoxious toxic developments. All of these mass solar developments are controlled by foreign companies solely for their own monetary gain and China's manufacturing economy. They have no care or consideration whatsoever for the local rural environment, land or people. At Bomen Solar Wagga Wagga the developers completely denuded the whole site, 100s of hectares of the landscape destroying all of the precious ecology and dozens of century old habitat trees so that more flammable weeds such as hairy panic and barley grass dominate. This will be a constant source of weed seed burden and fire risk for all neighbouring landholders. It is impossible to establish productive pasture in these factory areas and sheep would ruin the solar components and wiring.

1.2 Preparation and planning

I do not believe that there has been any increased fire safety/prevention facilities or capability provided to Wagga Wagga or the Riverina to cater for these massive toxic PV Solar dumps and the increased electrical toxic fire risk they present.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Those responsible for these mass foreign PV solar factories have done nothing to enhance bushfire protection in the Wagga Wagga region or the Riverina. We are extremely fearful of the substantially increased fire risk we now have so close to our homes, infrastructure and livelihoods. The RFS who reliably protect our area is unable to enter these solar factories for any fire reduction procedures such as removal of masses of dry flammable hairy panic and barley grass which are prevalent. They are also not haz-mat equipped to deal with such toxic electrical fires. Neither would we want to subject them to electrocution or toxic components or fumes. Dumping mass toxic PV solar amidst our productive rural areas is alarming and places us all in a very vulnerable and dangerous position.

1.4 Any other matters

Primary producers in our area have vast amounts of cropping/stubble, shed infrastructure - including shearing and those containing essential valuable machinery and tools, wonderful wildlife (including bees) and their habitats, generational family homes, valuable livestock, special pets, and most importantly their families. This all enables us to provide healthy, clean and green essential produce and economic benefits for Australia. Detrimental developments such as large scale toxic PV solar with their increased fire risk do not belong anywhere near food producing land or rural communities

Supporting documents or images
