

To The Senate committee,

We in the Riverina feel like we are being treated as the dumping zone for toxic industrial developments. The risk of PFAS contamination from so-called “renewable” energy projects mirrors serious environmental damage seen overseas.

We are alarmed by the threat of contaminated water and soil, the loss of productive agricultural land, and the damage to future food security. These risks are entirely projected and preventable — if we act now.

We oppose covering up to 80% of viable farmland with infrastructure that brings intermittent energy, noise pollution, and long-term decommissioning waste, with no clear restoration plan. What will be left behind is likely to be contamination on an unprecedented scale.

Australia is an island nation with world-class farming. Why would we knowingly destroy that? The overreach of government regulation already burdens agriculture — now the land itself is under threat.

We urge the Senate to hold hearings in the Riverina, listen to the agricultural communities that this will affect and stop this destruction before it's too late.

Kind regards

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