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California Energy Commission  
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Dear California Energy Commission:

I am writing about the thermal solar plant being proposed at the Carrizo Plains by Australian Company Ausra. I am opposed to the thermal solar plant that the state is reviewing. I don't want the thermal solar plant to be located at the Carrizo Plains because it would affect the beauty and natural look of the Carrizo Plains. It will also negatively affect the wildlife and the native plants there. It will use up too much of the water and kill off the fairy shrimp if this plant is put here. I am also concerned that Ausra is attempting to avoid releasing the results of the environmental reviews that they have had to conduct. Please require them to share this information with the public so that we can have the opportunity to give feedback. The Carrizo Plains are a great place to visit. If I was living where the solar plants are proposed to be located, they would destroy the scenery. I favor distributed renewable energy, i.e., solar panels on homes and businesses throughout the state. This would prevent the large-scale destruction of delicate ecosystems and still provide the renewable energy we need. Please do not allow the destruction of a natural treasure in the effort to reduce greenhouse emissions. We can keep the Carrizo Plains as they are and reduce greenhouse emissions by producing solar power through distributed solar panels instead.

Sincerely,



Todd Mills