Aloha,

Please find PRP’s testimony as an attachment.

Thank you,
Chris Delaunay
Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

A87-610 KS Waiawa
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
9:00 A.M.

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

PRP writes in strong support of AES’s Waiaua Phase II Solar + Storage project, and we respectfully request the Commission’s favorable ruling on the motion to modify the decision and order for A87-610 KS WAIAWA. The Project is comprised of a 30 MW ac solar array that includes 240 MW hours of battery storage.

The AES Waiaua Phase II Solar + Storage Project provides a valuable opportunity to stimulate our economy, both by creating new jobs and by creating infrastructure which can help lower energy costs to consumers and businesses.

Construction of this Project will support approximately 565 jobs in the State of Hawaii with total economic output of approximately $131 million. Additionally, this Project will generate and store electricity derived from solar resources providing clean, renewable energy for Oahu.

When completed, this newly proposed solar project will be capable of generating enough energy to power approximately 18,000 homes, which will advance the State closer towards achieving its goal to generate 100% clean energy by 2045.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.