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I declare I have made nil political donations, ever.

I confirm the objection to the solar factory referred to below, has been written by me.

SSD-21208499 Glanmire Solar Farm

Dear Karl,

6/12/22

I own land along Brewongle Lane, run as a part of a larger family farm. 462 Brewongle Lane is the location of my holding. I live and work between Sydney and the farm, travelling each week from Sydney to Bathurst to do so. We have been a part of the Glanmire/Brewongle and of course the Bathurst community since 1979. I completed my schooling in Bathurst.

Below are my objections to the proposal of a solar factory at the Glanmire site.

Renewable energy is imperative for our sustainable future. No one disputes this. However, we need food too. To build a factory on food producing land is counter-productive.

It's very simple: use the designated Renewable Energy Zones created by government. This is not about being anti-renewable. It is about doing renewables *properly*, for the benefit of all, not just a few and *definitely not* to the detriment of those who work so hard and risk so much to feed us.

Elgin have made up "facts" about the site to suit their agenda. All from a Darlinghurst desktop. They have employed someone to classify the land to suit their agenda, ignoring The Department of Agriculture and the Office of Environment and Heritage's classification of the subject land.

The land is highly suitable for cropping and has proven so for decades. Our farm is further along Brewongle Lane from the proposed site and I have witnessed this production for 40 years as I drive past.

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The proposed site is within the 5km range of a residential area and Elgin's proposal flies in the face of Bathurst's Regional Plan, its Development Control Plan and its Regional Rural Strategy.

If a solar factory or other factory is built right next door to a grain producing paddock, insurance costs for farmers nearby will skyrocket. It could well become unaffordable for these food producers to continue doing business.

The cost of transporting food to major centres is already high and will increase further as cropping land is sacrificed for "solar factories". I take huge exception to the term "solar farm". A farm is an area of land used for growing crops or animals. These are not farms, they are factories. Farm just sounds nicer and so suits an agenda, to further a cause.

There is not enough clarity or regulation of this new industry and companies within it (in this case Elgin) and so locals are having to fend for themselves financially and emotionally by this unregulated process. This is causing huge stress and affecting the mental health and in turn quality of life of those affected as they are being left on their own – this includes but is not restricted to members of my immediate family.

It will be an eyesore along the entrance to Bathurst, a heritage city which makes valuable economic contributions to the Central West through tourism, education, many businesses, and of course farming.

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