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SSD-21208499 Glanmire Solar Farm

Guy Bowden, 10 Keith Street, Roseville. I own land at 462 Brewongle Lane.
I declare that I have not made any political donations in the past 2 years.

8.12.22

Dear Karl,

I object to the proposed solar plant site by Elgin at Glanmire for the following reasons.

There is a government approved renewable energy zone not far from the proposed site at Glanmire. The Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone has been set up by government as a site with land classified as more appropriate for such a solar site. It is close to existing electricity networks that new infrastructure can feed into. It will create thousands of jobs for Australians and supply power to more than 1 Million homes.

The classification of the land at Glanmire, done by Elgin is incorrect; this is prime cultivation land and classified as Category 2-3 by an independent agronomist, David Harbison for the Raglan Action Group, and has been used for cropping and grazing for many decades, which is integral to food supply networks across Australia and overseas.

The proposed site is within 5kms of the residential area of Raglan and this should prohibit such an industrial plant being built.

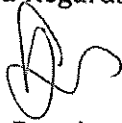
The insurance issue for surrounding farming properties makes the development of the site unconscionable. If insurance premiums are raised due to the location of the plant to neighbouring structures and paddocks, the farmers would seriously need to consider the viability of continuing their enterprises. Costs of insurance would make it impossible to continue.

The value of surrounding properties will be negatively affected. If the picturesque land around Raglan was sharing a boundary with an industrial site containing an ugly solar plant, values would certainly drop, and if farmers cease production and need to sell, there would be a massive loss of quality of life.

The Elgin company has made no effort to consult with any Glanmire locals who have a wealth of historical knowledge of the way the surrounding farming land has been used over many decades.

Global warming is happening, Australia has suffered through devastating drought, fires and floods in the last few years. In the current state of the world's food security, we need to preserve prime agricultural land, not develop an industrial area owned by an international company.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Guy Bowden', with a stylized, cursive script.

Guy Bowden