

Copy of Sub-Mission re Objections to SSD-21208499 Glanmire Solar Farm

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I believe there are several problems with this proposed Development

1/ It is proposed on some of our best cropping land in the Bathurst area, and has boundaries with neighbours that crop, who will be affected by this Development now and in the future.

2/ Why has the report on land classification not been thoroughly investigated by the Department of Planning? As a retired Stock and Station, Real Estate agent, and Murray Grey Cattle stud breeder with many champions ribbons under my belt. I would be quite happy to defend my statement with over 40 years' experience that this land under the government planning CLASSIFICATION IS 2-3 and is just too good and in too short supply around Bathurst to be turned into a Solar Farm. This classification alone should have put a stop on the proposal.

3/ The company proposing this development (Elgin Energy P/L) is shown as a \$2 dollar Company that has never built a solar farm before. Why the NSW Government is bending so many of its own rules to accommodate this proposal that are outside the government guidelines is beyond me.

4/ If an overseas company/or any company can come to a regional area in NSW that is not in the current "Renewable Energy Zone" and put on hold a communities' life and life savings for a couple of years while this Planning Process is sorted, under the guise of saving the Planet with green energy. Maybe the Planet is not worth saving. All these things we have been taught about fairness and hard work are obviously like the "Renewable Energy Zones" not working.

5/ This proposal has added so much mental anguish to the Local Glanmire Community that are part of our overall BATHURST COMMUNITY for so many wrong reasons and for so long is frankly disgusting.

6/ It is proposed to soften the visual impact with a tree buffer zone around the perimeter, this alone will cause a fire problem as the trees mature, as can be seen with other developments not necessarily just solar farms.

7/ Trying to solve a future fire problem Elgin P/L may need to build a fire break (although there is no firm distance for a fire break) 20 meters seems to be minimum suggested by most. We then add the landscape buffer area, and this cuts down the number of solar panels that can be erected as the property is only 800 metres wide

8/ Personally being involved on a Development with Landscape tree buffers that were declared a fire hazard by a Local Council. This created an almost impossible

task of getting insurance and in the end, we had to relinquish some land to the council to make the development work. Insurance alone will be an unsurmountable problem for the neighbours of the proposed Glanmire solar farm. This unqualified Proposal should be stopped! Give the Community their life back.

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