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Name of Project: Middlebrook Solar Farm
Application No: SSD-10455

I declare I have made no reportable political donations in the last two years.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

I do not require my details to be withheld.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTION

I am a contract shearer, farmworker and greyhound industry worker. I own a small farm at Wallabadah. I am familiar with the Middlebrook and Marsden Park Roads area due to

- (a) Past connection with the Ingalala property next door to the proposed solar farm
- (b) Shearing, tractor driving and fencing on "Brooklyn" less than 2km north of the proposed solar farm

I object to the proposed Middlebrook Solar Farm development for the inevitable dust problems which will be created.

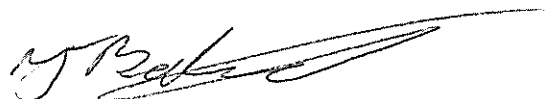
From a sheep shearing point of view there are at least 2 problems caused by dust:

- (i) From the Council gravel roads – every vehicle on all but wet days raises a cloud of gritty grey dust which travels for kilometres across adjoining farms and pollutes the sheep's wool, reducing its value and increasing wear and tear on shearing hand pieces.
- (ii) From the many kilometres of proposed internal roads on the solar farm. It is a very fine orange coloured dust which contaminates the tips of wool and reduces its value. This fine dust travels many kilometres and will have an almost constant contaminating effect on the wool itself and the pastures sheep graze. Rainy days in this area are few and the roads become dusty within hours of rain ceasing.

From a general farming point of view, the solar farm traffic will be a continuous source of dust which will reduce the growth of pasture on all downwind properties for many kilometres, pollute roofs, troughs and dams with fine sediment and of course reduce the effectiveness of solar panels on not just the solar farm but all neighbours panels and roofs.

This area has frequent whirlwinds as well as general windiness which will pick up dust not just from council roads but the internal unsealed roads on site independent of vehicle movements.

I have experience of using water tankers on greyhound racing tracks and I believe it would not be practical to suppress the dust this project will generate on non rainy days. The number of tankers required and amount of water needed even if available would make the project impractical.





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