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I wish to remain anonymous: YES / NO

Springdale Solar EIS - Proposal number 8703

I OBJECT to the Springdale Solar development.

My reasons for objection are as follows:

BACKGROUND:

We bought our property on Tallagandra Lane in 2005. We moved from Melbourne, and specifically chose this area due to rural character of the region and the glorious landscape we would be able to have from our house. We situated our house to maximise our enjoyment of this beautiful land. Our garden is planted with predominantly native species to encourage a range of bird life, which we see in abundance. Our house is extremely energy efficient and environmentally friendly: solar heating/electricity, double glazing, composting toilets, sub surface grey water irrigation.

LANDSCAPE AND RURAL CHARACTER DETERIORATION/BIODIVERSITY

We will be able to see the Solar plant from our kitchen window. The land in this area is undulating and our house is built in an elevated position. Any planting of seedlings will have zero effect on the visual impact of 850 acres and 450,000 solar panels.

One of the wonderful things about this rural area is the abundance of wildlife. The hawks who live around the intersection of Tallagandra Lane and Mulligans Flat Road, the wedge tail eagles who live in trees on our property. The numerous echidnas we have seen through our years here. I even had a white owl fly by me recently when driving home. The reduction in their habitat will be enormous. How is it even possible to suggest that the glare of 450,000 solar panels will not have an environmental impact?

ROADS

Yass Valley Council have advised that Tallagandra Lane is not listed as a priority in their hierarchy of roads. This road, is at best, graded 2-3 times per year, on a good year. Currently, the lack of rain has resulted in extended periods of time between gradings. I note that the solar development people have not included any form of reparation for the destruction of Tallagandra Lane and the whole transport route.

The amount of vehicle movements (75 heavy vehicle movements/up to 400 small vehicles) 6 days a week is unacceptable for a dirt country road, where people live. Our children are getting licences. They are inexperienced P platers, expected to negotiate extraordinarily elevated traffic movements on a road built for local traffic.

The impact of this is evidenced by the recent 2 day installation of an internal road on the site of the proposed development. The road was torn to shreds, in 2 days (photo's attached, from Tuesday 14 August 2018).



ACT GOVERNMENT TOTAL RENEWABLES BY 2020

The director of the ACT Environment and Planning Directorate spoke recently on the ABC radio – 666 Canberra. He advised that only **5%** of these renewables would come from the ACT. Given that Sutton is not in any renewable energy zones identified by the NSW Government and that it doesn't meet the suitability criteria per NSW Department of Planning and Environment Draft guidelines for large scale solar development, I don't understand why the NSW Government would approve an application contrary to its own guidelines for the benefit of another State or Territory.

It is worth noting that the spokesperson for Renew Energy, the company behind the development is the former ACT Environment Minister Simon Corbell.

CONCLUSION

I absolutely believe in renewable energy sources. I don't believe they should be built in prime grazing land, in a populated area. Australia and NSW have vast tracks of flat, uninhabited areas of land. Sutton and Tallagandra Lane is the **WRONG LOCATION** for this development.

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