

APPENDIX D ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK FORMS

As part of this consultation, First Solar provided feedback forms directly to neighbours through face to face meetings and to the public through mailouts and an open community day on 23rd February 2017. Feedback received during the preparation of the EIS was summarised and used to ensure that community values and local information informed the environmental assessment process.

Since the lodgement of the EIS in April, First Solar has received a further 14 feedback forms.

In support

The following supportive comments were raised by in the additional feedback forms (number of forms that raise the issue):

- Liked solar farms (3 responses, stating they liked them in remote areas)
- Solar farms make use of a good energy source (1 response)
- Environmental friendly, have minimum maintenance and lead to reduced electricity costs (1 response)

Concerns

The following concerns were raised by in the additional feedback forms (number of forms that raise the issue):

- Noise and sleep disturbance (6 responses)
- Visual impacts (5 responses)
- Potential to devalue properties and lack of compensation (3 responses)
- Pollution (1 response)
- Traffic such as increased heavy vehicles and road deterioration (1 response)
- Impacts on native fauna and bird life (3 responses)
- Electromagnetic fields, radiation and health risks (3 responses)
- Dust production (1 response)
- Too close to residents (1 response)
- Located on productive agricultural land (7 responses)
- Impacts on quality of life and rural lifestyle (1 response)
- Temperature effects (1 response)
- Fire hazards (1 response)

All these concerns have been addressed in the proponent's response to submissions Section 4.