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18 November 2020

Director - Energy Assessments
Planning and Assessment
NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Locked Bag 5022
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: JOHN V MARTIN & MARGARET A MARTIN
'SNAKE GULLY', 11853 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY, TILBUSTER**

We act for the abovenamed and wish to lodge on behalf of our clients an objection to the proposed Tilbuster Solar Farm (SSD-9619).

Our clients purchased their property about 16 years ago for the purpose of enjoying country life. The proposed development now endangers both the enjoyment of their land and its value.

The property, 'Snake Gully', is presently valued at approximately \$2,200,000.00.

The construction of a solar farm in its close vicinity will substantially reduce its value. Our estimate is a reduction in value of approximately \$700,000.00 and our clients seek compensation in that amount.

In addition, the erection of the solar farm on the property next door to 'Snake Gully' will substantially ruin its outlook.

Our clients request that in addition to compensation a buffer zone is constructed between their property and the proposed solar farm which includes:

- A. Quick growing trees which are properly maintained;
- B. High screens which are constructed in accordance with surrounding areas - in particular, they are designed so that their colour and construction blend into the surrounding countryside.

Our clients also request that if the development is approved by your Department, that appropriate restrictions be placed upon its construction so that our clients are not attacked with noise pollution.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours faithfully

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*This office will be closed from
5:00pm Tuesday 22 December 2020
until 8:45am Monday 11 January 2021.
Merry Christmas!*