

## **Large Solar Works Objection and reasons listed below**

I am an owner of a property withing the vicinity of the proposed Tallawang Solar Farm works. My house is on Shepherds Lane and was constructed 4 years ago. My land extends to Wyladra creek and my house is closer to Wyaldra Creek. My living area, kitchen and bedrooms are directly facing the proposed project area. My house is not indicated on the maps that are included in the EIS although it is within the vicinity of the proposed project. **My family home was not assessed for visual impact, noise impact and I was not included in the impacted property owner's consultation process.**

### **Visual impacts**

The EIS include a statement that visual impact will be minimal but that is not correct in relation to my property and family home.

My property is severely impacted by the project. My children's bedroom, my bedroom, kitchen, and family room have large, glazed sections all look out onto the project area. I am asking for the EIS to include my property for visual and noise impact assessment. If the Minister approves inspection of the project area, I am happy for the inspectors to attend at my property and see for themselves how the visual impact is horrendous to my family, yet our family home is not even noted on the impacted houses map that is included in the EIS.

**Cumulative impact of numerous solar works is overwhelming.** There will be a sea of panels around Gulgong and this impacts the visual amenity of the town and surrounding property owners. Why can't these works be shared among different communities to reduce cumulative noise and visual impact on one rural community? The government should consider the rural communities wellbeing just the same as they consider the wellbeing of people in the cities. Our wellbeing is being impacted by the never-ending cover of our surroundings with glass panels. Beryl solar, Bellambi Heights solar, Stubbo sola, Birriwa solar and proposed wind farms are all located next to each other (250m between Tallawang solar and Bellambi). The cumulative noise of turning thousands of solar panels is unacceptable to the community.

Although my property is impacted, I have not heard anything about the said shared Benefit Strategy. I only read about it in the EIS.

The houses on Black Lead lane will be severely impacted visually as they are on a hill and overlooking the project site. They were not assessed for visual impact.

**The continuous glare** will severely impact properties. Many properties on Black Lead Lane & Shepherds Lane and Old Mill Road are exposed due to the lay of the land . The houses are constructed on hills and are overlooking the project site. How is that going to be minimised when the affected houses are not even noted on the EIS map?

**Continuous noise** to impacted residences. What are the long-term health impacts of the continuous noise. Can they provide a confirmation from a medical health body to confirm that the continuous noise will not cause long term health impacts to community.

### **Flora and fauna**

Kangaroos' movement and black swans' movement is going to be restricted by the fencing of extensive area. Noting that Bellambi Heights is proposed next to Tallawang solar proposed site, animals cannot move across the area.

**Risk of weeds** growing between solar panels and spread by wind to adjacent farms

**Impact on historic outlook of Gulgong Town and tourism**

The town hosts an annual Henry Lawson festival which celebrates the historical nature of Gulgong. The town's tourism business sector supports the community. This project will impact the historical outlook of the town and ring-fence it with industrial solar works. This is going to destroy tourism business and jobs. This will have huge negative social and economic impacts.

**Loss of rich farming land and associated jobs in exchange of temporary jobs and industrial outlook.**

**Fire risk**

The fire risk plan to Gulgong town and surrounding homes is not properly assessed. There is no concrete evidence or information from local Rural fire service (RFS) confirming that the extensive solar works do not pose a risk to Gulgong town. There is no plan provided on how RFS will protect the homes near the solar works in the event of a fire, considering the fumes that the solar works will produce if there is a fire.

**Loss of property value**

Are there any reports from reputable real estate agents that confirm that extensive solar works does not reduce surrounding property values? No-one wants to buy a property adjacent to a solar farm. The works are enriching various developers and landowners who do not live in Gulgong and is writing off other residents' properties in the process. Fellow Australians should be treated with reasonable concern. It is heartbreaking to see how property owners are suffering because of these works that are mushrooming around their family homes.

**Objectives** of production of climate friendly energy can be achieved by placing these solar works in positions or areas where they do not negatively impact rural communities.