

"Glenview Park"

Jindera. NSW 2642

NSW Government Dept of Planning, Industry & Environment

GPO Box 39, Sydney.

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NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in respect of the proposed "solar farm" developments being considered for the Jindera area.(SSD-9549)

The proposed development is of an industrial scale and will alienate some 1600 acres of good quality farming land for a minimum of 25 years with no reliable plans for land rehabilitation even at the end of this time. This land has been a secure agricultural resource since settlement in the 1860's and, even in 2019, with widespread drought over large areas of the state, has seen productive cropping and grazing returns as evidenced by continuous grazing during the first part of this year and now some hundreds of round bales over part of the proposed site. Dams are to be filled in and trees removed in large numbers. These trees are mature and the proposed replacement with "tube stock" will be of scant value to the displaced fauna for many years nor have any visual amenity to neighbours for a similar period. Property values and any potential for future subdivisions will plummet.

I, along with, I suspect, an overwhelming majority of local people, wholeheartedly support the development of solar power in this country and there are vast areas of land with minimal agricultural value that could, and should, be used for this purpose. These developments would have minimal impact on agricultural production and affect very nearly no existing land holders as well as being more cost effective as land rental costs would be minimal. The current proposal is a "get rich quick" scheme for a very small number of people and the companies concerned with no consideration for the many detrimental effects it will have on the wider community. It has the potential to incite quite some social rancour should it proceed in face of substantial local opposition.

My own concern is that my property (Glenview Park, 51 Glenellen Rd) is directly across the road from what is proposed to be wall-to-wall solar panels. Our current rural outlook will be lost and replaced with "tube stock" tree screens and potential shade cloth barriers up to 3.5m tall a mere few metres across a rural road from my boundary. The loss of visual amenity (classified as high on the EIS) is quite breath taking and would undoubtedly impact on both our quality of life and the value of our property. I understand that compensation is not being considered but no money could compensate for the devastating effect of this development should it come to fruition.

The siting of these projects (I include the Jindera/Glenellen/Walla & Culcairn proposals) appears to be driven entirely by "easy/cheap" access to transmission lines and the existing substation and, while the financial deals are obviously commercial-in-confidence, the foreign companies see a short-term profit at the expense of local existing land use and amenity.

Simply put, this is an inappropriate project for this area which, should it proceed, would cause widespread community unrest.

Sincerely, Daryl Klein

