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Riverina Modification Plan for Jindera Solar Electricity Generating Works - Modification 1-  
Underground Transmission Line - SSD-9549-Mod-1

Dear Sir/Madam  
SOS objections to Jindera Solar Plant Modification

Save Our Surroundings (SOS) objects to the proposed modifications to the solar works consented to on 22/12/2020 (underground transmission line, increased vehicle movements 242 to 292, increased number of invertors 25 to 38) just 3kms from the town of Jindera because the modifications and indeed the whole 120MWac solar works :

1. poses to many now known risks to the nearby residents, including INCREASED risks of fires, soil and water pollution, road accidents, and habitat destruction
2. will interfere with the enjoyment of the local inhabitants and visitors of the town and its surroundings by transforming rural lands into a huge industrial complex, both during construction and for decades afterwards
3. fails to have a social licence from the communities
4. fails to define the source of its 240,000 PV solar panels, inverter stations and other equipment, which if sourced from China will include embedded greenhouse gases and possibly be partly produced by slave labour. It is already known it can require up to 10 years of electricity generation to offset the embedded CO<sub>2</sub>, but as Australia continues to close down its current coal fired power stations that period can only increase to the point that the CO<sub>2</sub> will never be offset.
5. will add to the ever increasing cost of electricity to the consumers as more and renewable energy capacity is introduced into our now fragile NEM. It is misleading for the Proponent to say its proposal will put downward pressure of wholesale prices when retail electricity bills have risen at its fastest rate in just the last decade since Australia embarked on replacing a cheap working electricity grid with a massively expensive renewables based grid, which has not succeeded anywhere in the world in reducing electricity delivered to households and businesses
6. is following a pattern of getting approval for an initial project and then not undertaking any construction for years before applying for often a substantial expansion or selling the project. This drags out the anguish of local people as it is not the only project proposed/constructed/to be constructed so they have to go throughout the similar cycle year after year. That is very unfair!

We believe just these few objections are more than sufficient to reject the proposal.

Regards  
Save Our Surroundings  
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