

1 August, 2023

Director – Energy Assessments
Development Assessment
Department of Planning and Environment
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Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Director,

Objection to Development Application No.SSD-8911 by Sundown Solar Pty Ltd

This letter is to make objection to, and make comment on the above mentioned Development Application.

1. I owned the property “Glen Eisle” (site of proposed solar farm) from 1966 – 1981.
2. I inspected the property months before the 1965 drought broke. Kings Creek had been dry for months. There was a swampy gully that had Cumbungi (water reed) for a short distance and amongst the reeds was water, but no visible flow. My assessment at the time was: there is permanent water. However, after I sold the property in 1981 ALL WATER dried up, so the farm was destocked until substantial rain fell.
3. This proposed development has only been made public in the last few weeks, but I only heard about it on Friday 28th July.
4. The developer, Sundown Solar Pty Ltd, can access water, bore or dam, for their own purposes of panel washing and maintenance from other unconnected landholders within a 5km radius of their project. This is type of activity used to be known as stealing. Neighbourhood water being used in an emergency for bush fire is one thing, but washing items is completely another.
5. QUESTIONS:
 - Why has Inverell Shire Council and Sundown Solar made nothing public months beforehand?
 - Why have the owners of “Glen Eisle” and other host landholders been gagged?