

1 August 2023

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

WATER: I object on the grounds of natural resources being destroyed and also being inadequate. Kings Creek often dries back to no water flow at all. My husband owned the property "Glen Eisle" at the end of Sturmans Road from 1966 to 1981. Kings Creek flows through the northern end of the property and we had to consider its ability to supply at all times and be respectful of its capacity. Canadians (I read) are behind this solar development. They would not comprehend the lack of abundant water in Australia as they live with mighty rivers and lakes to the point of water being a pest. Water is vital for fighting fires which are part of solar farming and natural bush fires in Australia are common in inaccessible terrain. Neighbours, who are not hosts, should have no demands applied to their property, in any form, especially any rights to water.

VEGETATION: Vegetation is an important part of our national Natural Heritage and the said proposed area taken up by the solar farm will destroy habitats of many native animals, birds and flora, for example, Pigmy Possums, Night Herons and Native Orchids. Primary Producers have been denied clearing rights under Native Vegetation Laws for many years why is there special accommodation for investors?

ACCESS: Access to the proposed solar farm would be best, straight off the Gwydir Highway, being the western side of "Glen Eisle" and not via the winding, Spring Mountain Road, which is slow with many turns and hills requiring gear changes, thus disturbing and endangering people and livestock, not to mention the native wildlife all through the area. The quantity of increased traffic will also inhibit the carrying out of primary production activities and it is zoned for Primary Production which ought to take precedence over any other activity.

STOP messing up Australia with foreign investors.