

Bendemeer Solar Farm Submission – Objection

To whom it may concern:

I strongly object to the above-mentioned Solar development for the following reasons:

- A. It does not comply to the NSW Govt Large Scale Solar Guidelines.
- B. Too close to Bendemeer village. 1 km is not sufficient buffer to ensure that the residents health and liveability is not impaired. Highly visible and audible to too many residents
- C. Cumulative impact has not been adequately evaluated and addressed. This adds another RE project to the already numerous and large RE rollout that has been forced onto the NE Region, its inhabitants and its environment.
- D. Will cause traffic congestion through the small village and surrounds, and possibly lead to higher pedestrian risk, including to school children who are not used to large vehicles on their narrow rural roads, and dust and pollution from increase traffic volume,
- E. Will cause
- F. Causing discord amongst residents, neighbours against neighbours etc. People have lived here for generations or come to this area because of its beauty, its peacefulness and its friendly community. Developments such as this and the others that will surely following are tearing apart this close-knit community for little advantage.
- G. Devaluation of property prices. Who is to compensate the owners for that loss.
- H. No community consent for this development nor for any RE developments. No licence.
- I. Environmental vandalism:
 - a. Clearing of trees and topsoil for construction causes habitat loss, soil erosion & dust,
 - b. Destruction of habitats for endangered and at-risk Flora and Fauna,
 - c. Moonbi Ranges is hilly and is not suitable for industrial style developments – hilltops will need to be flattened,
 - d. Uses up valuable agricultural land currently used to produce food and fibre,
 - e. Possible contamination of the Macdonald River and its catchments from soil erosion, toxic component leaching etc.,
- J. Exacerbates the fire risk and thus insurance costs,
- K. This is the wrong location. Convenience (close to existing powerlines and willingness of non-resident-absent Hosts) is not sufficient nor valid reason for its location.

Regards

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