

## Submission in favour of the Gundry Solar Farm

The Gundry Solar farm has the potential to be the biggest ever monetary input to the Goulburn Mulwaree Shire, with a stated 650 million dollar injection of funds.

This would also be on the basis that funds would be shared with the nearby residents of the solar farm.

With this money given to nearby residents, their life styles would change for the positive. This passive income would be a huge benefit to all of the nearby residents.

There are a few naysayers that are against this project. They have put themselves in front of the huge, benefits for the whole region. When asked why they object there answers don't make any sense. The question asked would you prefer an open cut coal mine instead of the solar farm, there is silence and a very non event answer that also does not make sense They just seem to be very influenced by our federal member and state member who for obvious reasons are more interested in there personal friendships with the overall fossil fuel industry.

In saying the above It is fair to listen to the objectors, but I feel all of their concerns can be met and, given the benefits to the nearby residents a very fair induction of funds to them will be a very big benefit.

The area covered by the solar panels can and will work perfectly with on going agriculture for the area as sheep can still graze below the panels and benefits will include extra shade and well being for the animals.

The money coming into Goulburn and surrounding communities will be a positive for everyone. There will be facilities to buy into this project and obtain benefits that way. Also many businesses in the district will be called upon to construct this solar farm and this will be a major benefit to many many businesses in this district.

This solar farm also has the potential to create cheaper electricity for all the people in this district.

Solar farms around the world have taken off for obvious reasons. They provide clean natural energy for our ever expanding population.

Already in Goulburn there is a community solar farm being set up, with battery storage. Around 300 investors have given their support to this project. This is just about to be built now that all the checks and balances have been sorted. The considerable interest in this community solar farm has been amazing with community meetings gathering consistent high funds to further this farm. This shows the interest in this area for solar in general.

In short, there are so many benefits for this project, not just monetary, but a sense of well being that our energy is coming from the sun and every time we turn a light on, switch on an electrical appliance etc, that it is all being powered by our sun, and not fossil fuels.

Thank you for reading my submission.

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