



# ANGUS TAYLOR MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR HUME



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to the current exhibition of the EIS for the proposed Gundry Solar farm (Application Number SSD-48225958) in my capacity as the Federal Member for Hume.

I note that while my primary place of residence is on the edge of the Gundry Plain the impact of this project on me as an individual is low and is not the purpose of this submission.

Since the announcement of this proposal in 2022 I have been contacted by many concerned residents, and I seek to represent their views in this submission.

I have seen many large-scale energy projects in my time as a Member of the Federal Parliament and as a Commonwealth Energy Minister, both within my electorate and across Australia. Some have seen strong support and others have seen opposition. It is rare to see the scale of opposition I have seen to this project, particularly from surrounding landholders.

Up to 60 residents and landholders could be impacted by this development.

My experience is that when land holdings are relatively small and land values are well above agricultural values, concerns about economic and amenity impacts are widely held and well founded.

The proximity of this project to Goulburn means that in comparison with other possible locations, landholdings are relatively small, land values are higher (with more downside) and more residents are negatively impacted.

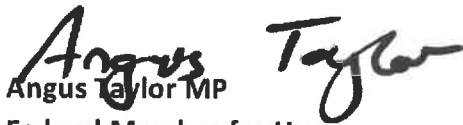
Given the location and natural beauty of the Gundry Plain it isn't surprising that so much opposition has built up. Unfortunately, the developer has chosen to ignore these concerns.

Residents have also raised concerns that Gundry is not part of a NSW Government Renewable Energy Zone. There are renewable energy zones planned and operational across the state that welcome major projects, but the Gundry region is not one of those.

Finally, I understand many residents have raised concerns with the compliance with the State environmental planning policies (SEPP) in relation to impact on or 'conflict' with existing uses of the land in either a residential or commercial manner.

I ask that you listen to the legitimate concerns raised by many local landholders and residents and reject this application.

Kind regards,

  
Angus Taylor MP  
Federal Member for Hume