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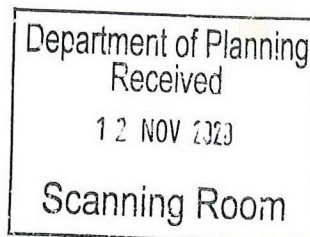
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I, Ray Jacob, do declare that the only political donations I have made in the past 2 years, have been to the Christian Democratic Party, not more than \$580. I am part of a three generational farming family. I totally object to the Glenellen Solar Farm, as I do to all four proposed solar projects in the Greater Hume Council area. To do a submission during our busiest time of the year is really unfair, as it's difficult to give this subject the full attention it so deserves, especially after^{local} requesting that this could be postponed till early next year. What's the rush?

There are so many concerns with this proposed development. I will concentrate on the following:

1. "The Development Footprint contains Important Agricultural Land under the Draft Riverina Murray LAL Mapping Program. " This land must be kept for agriculture. It has shown over 150 years that this is the best land use. Our German ancestors

knew this! Too much of Australia has already been devoured by foreign solar companies on prime agriculture land.

2. " Glenellen Solar Farm will help achieve in NSW its target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 by increasing the amount of clean energy available in the State's electricity grid. " (p.27)

In NSW now, there is so much new energy in place the renewable energy target will be greatly oversupplied by 2022. This will cause NSW to follow Queensland's footsteps of a renewable energy investment collapse in a year or so.

There needs to be a STOP to all large scale solar projects, and a review undertaken. Careful planning is needed. Large scale solar does not need to be in our Shire. What are the alternatives? Roof top solar? Community solar? There certainly wouldn't be the divisions there are now between people. With advances in technology, these large scale solar will be obsolete soon.

3. " Hazard and risk assessments considered, bushfire and electrical fire and electromagnetic interference. " p. 25

I find this very disturbing as the mitigation measures (p.26) won't prevent a fire. A fire can come from anywhere and you can't prevent that. Firefighters are not allowed inside the solar project because of entrapment, electrocution and toxic smoke.

Very concerning, when closest residence is 244m,

22 residences within one kilometre, 95 residences within 2 kilometres, 277 residences within 5 kilometres, only 4 kilometres from Jindera township where there are at least 400 homes and 20 kilometres from Albury. This development should not be allowed, being so close to so many people!

4. 'There have not been any published Australian studies into the impact of utility - scale solar on property values.' p. 281

No study is needed to know that solar projects like Glenellen, will definitely decrease land value. Some land and a house was for sale neighbouring a proposed solar farm in our area. As soon as a potential buyer found out, interest was gone. It was taken off the market. The devaluing of land to such a large number of people eg. 95 residences within 2 kilometres, is so unfair, effecting their whole futures and plans, causing much stress and anxiety.

5. The land at the proposed site is beautiful. The thought of it all being torn up, 11.4 ha of native vegetation and 81 paddock trees! Absolutely horrific! All the ecology total destruction.

I am having my say for the future of my children & grandchildren!

Yours sincerely, RAY JACOB