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I, Jenny Jacob, do declare that the only political donations I have made in the past 2 years, have been to the Christian Democratic Party \$580. I am part of a 3 generational farming family.

I totally object to the Glenellen Solar Farm, as I do to all four proposed WallaWalla, Jindera & Culcairn, all by foreign owned solar companies wanting easy access to transmission.

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

1. Important Agricultural land is here. The high rainfall in our area, makes this an important agricultural area. I do not agree that livestock can graze around the panels. At Bomen, this idea stopped because the sheep ate the wiring.

2. "Community wellbeing is likely to be positively influenced by the Proposed Development during the construction phase in a number of ways..." p. 281

Up to two hundred people during construction is short term. Jindera would not see a lot of benefit, as the only accommodation is at the Hotel. So, Albury would benefit.

Despite Trina Solar saying employment will be local where possible, most companies keep their same workforce at each worksite. Only 10 would be for the life of the project.

3. If this project didn't happen, more benefit would come from agriculture in the 30 years. There are a multitude of businesses in the area that gain from agriculture eg. machinery, transport, sprays, seeds, fertilizers, tyres, food, silos, vet, fuel to name a few. Agriculture is long-term.

4. COVID has taught Australia to stay LOCAL.

I could not find how many solar panels will be used, but it would be quite a few hundred thousand.

Where do they come from? Where does the equipment eg. PV cells, tracking arrays, inverter stations, come from? Australia only has one company that makes solar panels. Is letting foreign owned companies in to take control of our electricity keeping local? Perhaps there are other alternatives? Rooftop solar? Also, keeping agricultural land, means we grow our

own food. We don't want to import food. Already, Australia doesn't have its own rice. There's a real swing to people wanting to buy local food.

5. I found it difficult to find it clearly stated how many residences are nearby. I couldn't believe there are 22 residences within 1 km., 95 residences within 2 km and 277 within 5 km. There's no way a large solar project should be in such a heavily populated area, only 4 km from Tindera! The effects of development on all these people eg. amenity (the view is a main reason people bought there), dust, noise, fire risk, devaluing of property, heat island effect, stress and worry as it impacts their health, livelihoods and futures. Also fire risk.
6. Tourism effected. I do NOT agree that solar tourism will be a drawcard. Our Council has joined RAA, to inspire popular shift to regional Australia. When the Vic / NSW border closed, many tourists came to Tindera ^{Walla} to see the beautiful green land and canola. I'm sure a solar project will not have the same effect. It won't draw tourists.
7. It's very risky to have large scale solar projects rushed through in a world economic & financial crisis & pandemic. What if the company goes broke? eg. A Hotel is owed \$125,000 at Ouyen and a dozen subcontractors are not paid at Finley Solar after 12 months.

Let us build on what we have... tried and trusted for 150 years! Yours sincerely *Jerry Fawcett*