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Re: Objection to proposed Glenellen Solar Farm (SSD-95508)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the construction of the proposed Glenellen Solar farm primarily for the following reasons.

Visual impact and aesthetics – My mother has resided on her Glenellen farm over the past thirty years and my family have enjoyed the quiet, rural views of grazing cattle and sheep, verdant Lucerne and seed crops and majestic old growth trees dotting the landscape providing habitat and food to native animals and birds. Our family has celebrated many important occasions, special birthdays, Christmas, Easter and BBQ's with neighbours and friends out in the garden with sweeping views of the flat to gently undulating paddocks. The likely visual change and mental impact of a changed rural environment would be in my view be highly disturbing. The prospect of the proposed solar farm in close proximity and within view of my mother's property would be like living next to an industrialised site instead of the picturesque rural view that we presently enjoy.

Impact of stated value of the property: My mother is elderly and the devaluation of her land will have a direct impact on the resale value if she needs to sell. My sisters and I will be the beneficiaries of this property and we have no doubt that potential buyers will not want to reside beside a glary, unsightly solar farm. It won't be the tree change city people would want or the town's person that wishes to enjoy a rural view. My family would like to maintain this small farm for future generations but not with the potential negative impact of an unnecessary solar farm next door.

Loss of prime agricultural land: I am appalled at the potential loss of more viable agricultural land when there are better alternative sites that could be utilised and not have the same detrimental impact. Australia has struggling agricultural regions where drought has devastated their land, these areas may benefit from alternatives such as a solar farm. In Glenellen, farmers have been able to provide hay and silage for farmers in these regions. High value cereal crops, oil seed, prime cattle and sheep are successfully produced here without the ruinous climate impacts of drought and floods.

Increased heat effects: I am deeply concerned about the potential radiant heat that could emanate from the solar panels, particularly in summer when temperatures can reach above 40 degrees Celsius. Already on these scorching days the wind carries the heat across the land and I have no doubt that this added heat from the proposed solar farm would be carried across my mother's adjoining farm and raise the air temperature significantly. This would be an unbearable discomfort.

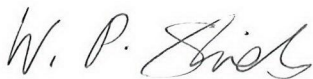
Thank you for the opportunity to raise my objections to the proposed solar farm at Glenellen. I would urge that the panel not approve the application given it will:

- Adversely impact visually and aesthetically on my mother's and others neighbouring farms.
- Result in loss of assets as in devaluation of farms.
- Loss of significant agricultural land.
- Potentially increase of radiant heat from the solar panels.

I declare that I have not made a donation to any political party in the past two (2) years.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408128509 or wenshiels@hotmail.com should you have questions in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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