

Subject : Objection to Oxley Solar Farm

I strongly object to the above proposed Oxley Solar Farm.

I find it hard to imagine that Council would allow a Solar Farm to be erected on prime and productive farming and grazing land. The damage to the land would be horrific being that it is undulating and the run off of rain water would cause erosion. Further to this the run off from the supposed panels would find its way into our water way which is very close to the proposed site. The glare from the panels and the heat created would be very unpleasant

This proposed site would be next to the Oxley Rivers National Park and any subject matter could find its way into the pristine waters of the park and affect the existing wildlife there.

This proposed site is right on the flight path of the Fleet Helicopters sight-seeing tour of the gorges a few miles further on which would not be a very nice view of the many panels by our visitors who come to Armidale to see our lovely sights. The picnic area would be spoiled by the vision of the solar panels.

We have had koalas visit our property and have seen platypus in the river and would hate for endangered wildlife be put at risk.

I do not feel that this proposed Solar Farm would benefit Armidale and the community in any way because the company proposing this is not an Australian company and does not seem to be very trust worthy.

I am very concerned about the disposal of the panels when they reach their use by date and history has shown that they do become less effective as time goes on and have to be replaced regularly and these would surely end up in land fill and probably Armidale's land fill. Not enough research has been done to tell us what toxins are also coming off the panels and what will be buried with them. There has been little research on the effects of the panels on human health or the health of wildlife and farm animals. Our local council has already had problems with waste management and would not cope with the number of panels required for this project. Panels cannot be recycled and I am concerned about their disposal in the future.

Not only the visual sight of the Solar Farm would affect those close to the proposed sight it would impact views of all in the Castledoyle area. The loss of our land values will be affected greatly and we see no way that this company has taken into account what it would do to this lovely area.

I am personally very disappointed that the lovely views from my property will be greatly effected and those of my neighbours and that our property will not hold its value.

There has been no community consultation between the developers and us and we have only found out information from neighbours who have seen something last minute in the newspaper.

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