

To whom it may concern

My name is Jonathan Schulz

I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Jindera farmer

The Schulz family have been farming in the Jindera area since 1874 selecting the property Elmslie between Jindera and Burrumbuttock

Purchasing the first portion of Huonlea in the mid 1930s the solar farm host property

A family willing to try new things

Designing and building a tractor in 1916 with Joseph Welzel

Cutting and selling chaff during the depression

Growing canola in 1982 1 of the first in the area

Being a part of landcare since the 1990s fencing off creeks and timbered areas

Looking to have renewable energy in the future

Closer settlement has already impacted our farming operation with neighbours subdividing and houses being built against our boundary .causing me to not being able to spray all my crops that need spraying

so further proposed expansion of jindera to the north would limit our agriculture capabilities

Agriculturally speaking we should be able to grow 40=80 % of the grass for grazing that we are able to now in the project area.

The sheep will have more shade in the summer and more wind and rain protection in the winter.

If choosing to lamb down ewes there, more protection for new-born lambs increasing lamb survival rates and animal welfare benefits

. at the moment we are in drought possibly 1 of the worst droughts in memory so am looking to reduce our reliance on dryland agriculture in this time of climate change

The economic benefit will allow me financially to be a better farmer so production over the whole farm should not be diminished, so between my using services employing people and the project employing people and using local services it will be a benefit to the area .

This farm has a plan for environment al care with a goal of 10% tree cover over the whole farm .

Trees remove as part of solar farm will be planted else where

The project has a plan for flora and fauna

With security/exclusion fencing the area will be fox and dog proof

Allowing protection for squirrel gliders that are within the project site area

For other native birds and small animals

A possible release site for curlews

A corridor to the outside area along creek line

Finally, I WANT POWER the government in its wisdom don't want coal fired power stations and are proposing renewable power sources I am doing my bit for the environment my farm and the local area