

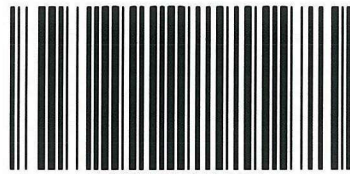
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I, Jenny Jacob, declare that the only political donation I have made in the past 5 years, has been to the Christian Democratic Party, not more than \$1,500.

Our family have farms 5 km out of Walla, towards Tindera. The Tindera Solar farm would be about 10 km away. I strongly oppose the proposed solar project SSD-9549:

- 1) It is on ~~my~~ prime agricultural land. In the EIS, the solar company are not including IAL from the draft plan (p.63). This is just not right! There are 4 proposed solar farms within about 36 km from Tindera to Culcairn, all on prime agricultural land. Even in a drought, we get returns from grain & livestock. Our German ancestors knew good land 150 years ago!
- 2) The Tindera Solar Farm is only about 4 km north of Tindera. This is too close and also 26 residences within a km. If there is a fire, firefighters are not allowed to enter where solar panels are. It would be a deathtrap. The toxicity from burnt panels is a great concern.
- 3) All four solar companies are in our fertile area, because of the substation & power lines here. Makes it very cost effective. They are a business. They don't care about our farming & communities. No wonder there's so much

division in our area. The emotional, physical, livelihoods & futures of so many people is most concerning. This shows that ~~out~~ the proposed solar farm(s) is in the wrong location. Go to more marginal areas & less populated. Land values are less.

4) In the Tindera EIS, the economic advantage to our community is stated. I totally disagree. Employment is up to 200 employees at the peak of construction up to 4 months & 2 to 3 operational staff for the life of the project. The 200 employees is only short term. The solar panels tie up that land for 30 years, just for some sheep grazing. If the land is as it is now, there's the freedom to choose cropping & grazing. The employment of many businesses through flow-on is enormous: vehicles & repairers, fertilizer, agronomists, rural supplies, machinery, freight, carting grain truck drivers, engineering etc. Most businesses are local & depend on the farmers to be successful & create employment that's long term.

5) Devaluing of land: Twentysix nearby land & house owners will have their land devalued, because no one wants to live where solar panels are so close. I told a friend recently relocating from Sydney, not to buy in the Tindera area. I really feel for these landowners who are very stressed & worried about their future. They have worked hard & love living in the beautiful rural setting where they are.

In closing, I strongly oppose the Tindera Solar Farm. It should not be in our prime agricultural land and so close to Tindera & 26 residences. With so much division & opposition shown, it shows it is in the wrong area. Keep out of our beautiful, fertile, Greater Hume Council area. It needs to be protected in to the future, for generations to come!

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