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Re: Objection to Proposed Jundera Solar
Farm - SSD 9549

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment
on the Environmental Impact Statement
(EIS) prepared by NGH Environmental on
behalf of Jundera Solar Farm Pty Ltd
dated September 2019.

I declare that I have not made a
donation to any political party in
the past five years.

My objections to the establishment of
the proposed solar farm are as follows:-

First: Visual Impact and Amenity - I am
not against renewable energy. It is the

visual impact I object to. I have lived at this address for 26 plus years and the reasons for purchasing our (my husband and mine) property was that we grew up on farms in the general area (ie Burrumbuttock and Walbundrie) on prime agricultural land. We wanted to raise our children in the country. Even though our property is small we are still able to make hay, grow pasture to feed our cattle and sheep that we breed, on prime agricultural land. The lifestyle of our property enables us to look out over paddocks with livestock grazing, crops growing in the distance, and be able to take our dog for walks along quiet country dirt roads (ie. Klinberg Rd or Ontlipp Rd). It would not be as visually pleasing to see paddocks full of solar panels. A sea of blue is not a colour you associate with seeing at eye level in a paddock. One such project will be visible from our front gate and from our back paddock.

Second: Devaluation of Property Values - This is of major concern to myself and my family, as these projects would have a significant effect on decreased property values in a highly sought after area. Generally, this area has very reliable rainfall and soils, which have traditionally held strong property market values.

Third: Prime Agricultural Production Area - To have prime agricultural land under solar

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panels is wrong. We have prime sheep and cattle, high value oil seed and cereal crops, certified seed production, hay and silage fodder in our area, which is exported throughout Australia, particularly at the moment, to assist the dairy industry and stock production in times of drought.

Fourth: Location - These solar projects are in close proximity to the township of Jindera, and there are many life-style properties that will be affected by their establishment. In my case, with four different project proposals, our family farm stands to be surrounded by panels, and they will be visible as I drive out my front gate to the nearest town or when I am checking stock in my back paddock. Several of my neighbours will have these issues. Roads are not viable for more construction traffic as well.

Fifth: Companies - If these companies (all foreign owned) who are marketing and installing these projects become insolvent, there is the question of who is responsible for the removal of the solar panels. My understanding is that the landholder is responsible, this could take years to remove, and this has not been thought through.

Sixth: Established Tree Removal - Established trees that provide shade for stock will be removed and replaced with new trees.

that will take years to establish to once again provide such shade. Established trees also maintain soil salinity, and this will be impacted.

It appears the area chosen for solar projects are primarily for easy access to the electricity substations, rather than in more suitable areas with minimal impact.

In closing, I hope all my concerns along with many others will go towards the decision to not approve the application.

If you have any queries in relation to my objection, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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