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Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to the Culcairn Solar Farm – SSD-10288

Please accept my objection to the Culcairn Solar Farm SSD – 10288 for the following reasons:

This development is far too big in this area.

I live in Walla Walla nearby the area of the development and utilise the same roads on which the development will use.

I am concerned that this development is just targeting the existing transmission lines and query that there will be capacity in the line for this development with the cumulative impact of the Walla Walla Solar Farm.

I have a strong understand that the land proposed for this development is very good and productive agricultural land producing hay and grain in a time when drought is causing farmers to suffer. The cumulative impact of the loss of hay and grain will have an affect on farmers or other businesses that are trying to source commodities.

This land should be mapped as important agricultural land and an independent agricultural assessment should be required as the land is not class 4. Many long term local agricultural jobs for contractors and other agricultural business will be lost in exchange for short term construction jobs.

I will have to drive past the development every day driving my son to school and am worried about how this will look in comparison to the agricultural outlook that is currently there.

I am worried about this development being an increased fire concern near bushfire mapped land and also should a fire start from neighbouring property and the huge financial responsibility of over \$600M if myself or other nearby landowners should start a fire. This would destroy my business. We cannot obtain insurance for an amount that would cover the solar infrastructure. I am worried that local RFS will not fight fires in the solar farm because of toxic fumes, entrapment and electrocution and that this will cause increased risk to towns and my property. One suggestion is for the solar development to have sprinklers around the outside of the development to alleviate fires.

I am concerned about the heat impacts and how this will affect crops, sheep and cattle on the neighbouring and nearby properties. The current heat research is not sufficient in our environment and on developments of a similar size.

Land values will drop because of the solar farms in the area.


This development will bring too many vehicles to the area on roads that I travel and I am worried about the increased risk and the financial responsibility to Council.

I am concerned that nobody has spoken to me in the community about this development.

There will be problems with vermin such as kangaroos that will get stuck on the neighbours side of the solar fencing, foxes will be harboured and other vermin will be an issue.

I confirm that I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years

Yours faithfully



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