

Culcairn Solar Farm SSD-10288

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

OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL

I object to the proposed Culcairn Solar Farm. I am not against renewable energy and I understand that the need exists to generate electricity from methods other than burning coal. I am against this development as the land that it is proposed to be built upon is highly valuable. I have been living in this area for over 40 years. I am well aware of how productive land within the Greater Hume Shire is. The last two years have seen the majority of NSW and Australia suffering drought. My wife and I regularly travel different parts of Australia and we are always amazed at just how productive and reliable farming land in the area is. This land is far more valuable to remain as farmland as opposed to being turned into an industrial development.

My daughter and her husband own a property that adjoins this proposal. It was the intention of my wife and I to move to their farm when we both retire. As a result of this proposal, we are now reconsidering where we will live when we retire as we don't want to live near an industrial site.

This development is going to adversely affect every neighbour. This development is already adversely affecting every neighbour. It is causing massive anxiety for all neighbours due to loss of land value, the effect of looking at an industrial site, the loss of a beautiful agricultural outlook being replaced by an ugly industrial development and concerns for increased heat.

NSW, Queensland and Victoria have suffered extreme fires. I have spoken with local fire fighters who have expressed major concerns relating to fighting fires that impact this site. They will not enter the site to fight fires due to risks of entrapment, electrocution and exposure.

I urge the Department of Planning to reject this proposal. These developments should be constructed on land that is non-productive and does not affect neighbouring landholders.