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Culcairn Solar Farm - Application No SSD-10288
To M.A.W. Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment.
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This will be the height of hypocrisy,
The Departments of Government are telling me, the
farmer, that we must not endanger the environment,
i.e., remove trees, degenerate our soils, look after
threatened species etc.

Because the Government is pressured to provide alternate
power, it appears it will support Solar Plants on prime
agricultural land.

Prime agricultural land is a commodity that should
be highly regarded as a none replaceable commodity,
not restricted to running sheep which could be done
on the Western Plains.

Just because high voltage lines cross this Prime Land,
does not give anyone the right to jeopardise
agricultural production.

We are told by the environmentalist that we can not,
construct hydro and irrigation dams in the high
country (which could provide power and water)
but is O.K. to construct Solar Plants on prime
agricultural land.

We are told we must not remove trees, even dead
ones, but it will be O.K. for a Solar Plant.

I say the word Plant, as this should be an
industry and the need for rezone as would
any other industry.

Prime Agricultural land is land that can produce
a variety of produce and the ability to rotate
production.

I have been farming here now for 50 years and
ask you to respect the need for "Prime Farm Land"

Kind regards A.J. Thomson