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"Home Farm"
379 Cummings Rd.
CULCAIRN. 2660

Application :Culcairn Solar Farm
Number SSD - 10288

I strongly do NOT support the proposed project.
I have not made any reportable donations in the past two years.

Reasons why I do NOT support the project.

I am writing this submission as a concerned neighbour of the proposed NEOEN Project.
I have over 3km frontage to the project and the visual impact is far greater.
Putting this project on Prime Agricultural Land is inappropriate as this is a closely populated area, with average farm size being only 240 ha. The project size is 5 times the size of a farm. Far too big!!! We enjoy our rural farming area. Some young families and retirees have chosen to live here for the rural aspect (I have lived here more than 67 years) I do not wish to live in a rezoned Industrial area.
In the last few years of drought this area has produced an amazing amount of hay, grain, meat and wool. The fodder has been sent to regions of the state suffering severely from lack of rain and unable to grow any fodder of their own. Recently many loads of hay were sent to areas impacted by the Bush Fires.

Fire risk is a big concern, with growth of the weed "Hairy Panic" The seed heads of this weed pile up against buildings and fences and are highly flammable. If a fire were to start it would be uncontrollable. As the panels and site buildings are contained within a security fence I see this as a major problem.

I am also concerned about the effects of the solar project on my farming practices. "Heat Island" effects have only been trialled on small areas not 3000+ acres.

Noise levels during construction will be at the upper level and not beneficial to lambing ewes or baby lambs.

The Insurance Liabilities generated from a multi million dollar project are of great concern to me. How much insurance will I need to be covered, and who will provide that amount?

Cross country water flow will be compromised (especially in a wet year) by internal roads and site levelling causing flooding on my property as water is banked up and not allowed to follow the natural courses.

Environmental impact caused by removal of 99 paddock trees and cessation of cropping will lead to rising water tables and in time, salinity.

There has been no commitment regarding ongoing compensation for disruption to ongoing farming practices, eg movement of stock, spraying, movement of machinery.

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