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Culcairn, NSW 2660

Culcairn Solar Farm SSD-10288

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

**OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL**

Would like to start with the fact I am not opposed to renewable energy, but I believe more needs to be done to protect productive agricultural land, hence the reason I am opposed to this Culcairn Solar development.

I have only lived in the Greater Hume Shire area for just over 12 months and I have seen firsthand how reliable this area is during this horrendous drought that is crippling Australia.

I am concerned by the size of this development and just to put it into perspective for you, Sydney Harbour is 970 acres this development would be over THREE times the size. I believe if this development was to be approved it would need to be downsized dramatically.

Surrounding neighbours and their families will be impacted by development from increased traffic movements, their rural outlook turned into an industrial site, the unknown health risks involved and how it will affect their young Children in years to come.

Taking 3254 acres of productive agricultural land out of the production will have lasting effects on local business especially agricultural Business and suppliers that will cause long term job losses in the local area.

The detrimental impacts on wildlife along the Billabong creek and riparian waterways within the development site. The removal of 99 paddock trees with at least 70 of them being hollow will cause significant impacts on any animal species living in the proposed site.

Increased fire risk to the local area concerns me the most especially after a young local RFS member killed in the recent bush fires. I believe the dangers to firefighters should be considered, the risk of electrocution, entrapment and toxic exposure is huge and would be detrimental to these amazing volunteers. I do question if this development was to catch on fire what the impacts would be on the communities surrounding this development site, what would be a safe distance from the toxic smoke?

