

We wish to voice our objection to the proposed Tarleigh Park Solar Farm Project (SSD 8436)

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We have part ownership of the adjoining property on the northern side , “Quamby Park”, of this proposed “farm” and have serious misgivings about the overall effect several hundred acres of solar panels and associated equipment will have on our currently serene farming environment ,not to mention the destruction of an area set up by the Govt. As a prime irrigation farming area to feed the Nation so many years ago. We worry also about the road which is currently only suitable for local traffick and we believe there will be several hundred trucks involved in the construction of the “farm”. The Ratepayers of Edward River Council should NOT be hit with the necessary upgrade bills that will occur should this project go ahead, perhaps the current owners should be totally responsible for that! We are apparently going to lose even more trees than have already been destroyed by bad farming practices and we believe there should be a buffer of considerable width to protect the surrounding residents from the glare etc. Part of our cropping needs the use of planes and they would be severely impacted by such a large area of panels. Also we wonder what impact some of the everyday farming practices will have on the panels and will local farmers be protected from litigation if damage is detected. Spray drift, accidental entry of livestock etc. There are no guarantees with regard to wind changes, thunderstorms or wildlife frightening stock or blowing spray drift off course, and because we are not actually dealing with agricultural farming in the true sense with this so called “solar farm” they may need to reconsider the working realities of this project in conjunction with the current long term uses of the surrounding land. This land was part of the Soldiers Settlement program and should be kept as a viable food production area not fragmented by company activity in this manner. The company involved doesn’t seem to know the possible level of any radiation that will be produced, or rather is not telling us any useful figures on the matter, it is waiting for approval perhaps before releasing the bad news?!

We are not against solar production persay, but believe there are more appropriate locations than the two under review in our area and we have heard that this company sets these up and then sells them off to –more than likely- overseas companies and we are not at all happy about that situation.

True agricultural activities would be acceptable for our region, but not Solar production! Thank you for the opportunity to have our say

We have not given any Political Donations at any time.