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**Springdale Solar EIS - Proposal number 8703**

**I OBJECT** to the Springdale Solar Development.

My reasons for objection are as follows:

As a resident of forty four years of the area impacted by the Springdale solar development proposal, I vehemently object to this proposal.

The proposed development will inflict environmental vandalism on this picturesque area of productive grazing country, which is bordered or overlooked by many homes and properties, some of which have been farmed productively for generations, including our property, our children being the sixth generation to grow up and contribute to the management of the property. Others have purchased land and built their homes to maximize the benefits of the beautiful landscape surrounding them, and of course the prospect of that being desecrated is devastating.

This area is lovely, undulating country, and in addition to prime livestock grazing, is habitat to many species of animals, birds and other creatures, including endangered species. The proposed large scale solar development would severely impact on the lifestyle, health and wellbeing particularly of all the families and local residents on the perimeter of the development, but also on many other local residents, more broadly the local villages of Gundaroo, and in particular Sutton, which would be subjected to the dangers of huge numbers of heavy vehicles, estimated at up to 75 heavy vehicles and up to 400 small vehicles daily negotiating the road winding through the village, past the local school and stores and across the narrow bridge, and result in the degradation of kilometres of local roads.

During winter the subject area is regularly blanketed in fog for much of the morning, and in summer the bush fire danger is significant, as has been demonstrated recently with two large bush fires burning in the local area, one bordering our farm on Mulligans Flat Road and burning all the way through almost to Sutton, with significant livestock and property loss. A significant concern with the high fenced solar farm would be the difficulty in accessing this area quickly by firefighters. The proposed onsite water supply for such purposes has been identified as completely inadequate should such an event occur. This is a major concern particularly for those of us who have recently, or in the past, had our land, sheep and cattle, completely burned out by previous bush fires. It is by no means an insignificant concern.

Another significant impediment to this proposed development is the fact that it is also a flood way during times of heavy rainfall, not an issue in this present time of widespread drought in New South Wales, but last year it was indeed a significant flood plain through our property and the area proposed for the solar development.

In addition to the above concerns we have, it appears that the electricity generated by this proposed instalation will not be available to New South Wales residents, but in fact will be fed into the ACT electricity grid.

Please consider these factors and the many other technical and physical objections and reservations which local residents of the Sutton area have regarding this proposed development. We are not opposed to solar power generation, but to locate it on this beautiful undulating farmland on the doorstep of Canberra, is most definitely not beneficial for the Sutton community as a whole, despite the generous enticements offered by the developers to encourage support for the proposal.