

Objection to proposed Springdale Solar Development - Sutton

I am a regular visitor to the Sutton area & have family in the near vicinity of the proposed development.

The things that concern me include –

- The development is surrounded by 34 or more residences that are within two kilometres of the site.

I find it fascinating that the developer states, that, *“they will not be significantly impacted because there will be screening to mitigate the impact”*. My relatives’ property is one that overlooks the site and could never be fully screened. They walk 20 paces from their front door & the site is clearly visible, however the developers have never made direct contact with them or visited their property to undertake an assessment.

I understand that many others are similarly affected & the developer has not made direct contact with them either.

- The NSW Government has gone to great lengths to develop ‘Draft Large Scale Solar Energy Guidelines’. I have seen those Guidelines and this development does not meet any of them, with the exception of an amenable land holder & a power line running through his property.

There are thousands of like properties across NSW that would be a far better location than this one.

This site is in a valley, is highly visible, has residences looking over it & is in an area with threatened species & native vegetation.

I question how the NSW Government could support the development as it doesn’t meet the Government’s own Guidelines.

- The area is also in a flood plain, that I know has been subject to flooding at least three times in the past 10 years
- Yass Valley Council has developed a draft development strategy for a 5klm buffer Zone between NSW from the ACT. This development is in the middle of that zone and does not meet with the types of development that the Council envisages in that area. I am advised that the Council has concerns about the development being located in this area. I agree with the Council’s concerns.
- The development is near both the Mulligans Flat and Goorooyarroo Nature Reserves. I oppose any development within such proximity to those important nature reserves.
- The proposed development is nowhere near the three priority renewable energy zones identified & promoted by the NSW Government. Why therefore should the NSW Government support it?

- The site is not level & flat. It's in a valley and on undulating ground. Levelling, or at least significant grading on the site will pose a significant threat to local flora & fauna.
- I also believe that a number of trees will need to also be removed. This will have significant impact on local birdlife and the new plantings will take years to grow & will never suitably replace those removed, ensuing a loss of such birdlife.
- As a regular visitor to the area I also have serious concerns about traffic and the potential danger to road users and pedestrians' in and around the Sutton Village & on the proposed route to the site.
 - A 40 Kph School Zone exists within the Sutton Village near the Primary School and Pre School.

I am aware that it has been suggested that development traffic be restricted during the School Zone, but that does not take into account before and after school school buses using the proposed traffic route and the increased local traffic using the roads at those times.

Specific dangers exist near the Sutton Post Office, the causeway from Camp Street onto Sutton Road travelling north & exiting East Tallagandra Lane onto Mulligans Flat Road. On the causeway and the East Tallagandra Lane exit, heavy vehicle will need to cross onto the wrong side of the road to navigate those two areas.

For all of the above reasons I believe the NSW Government should reject the development application.