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Planning Services  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

**Attention: Director of Resources and Energy Assessment**

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: OBJECTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 'SPRINGDALE SOLAR FARM'**

We are writing to object to the proposal of the 'Springdale Solar Farm' project.

We grew up in the country and on the land and know the meaning of hard work and respect of the land.

As parents of two young boys we bought our property to give our children a country upbringing. To show and demonstrate to them the values and respect of country living and its lifestyle. A home that is filled with love and playing outside riding pushbikes, horses and motorbikes, looking after animals like a lamb or poddy calf and growing vegetable gardens and letting kids get dirty and just be kids. Giving them the reality of living on the land and **treating your neighbours like they are your family.**

A place where you investigate the paddock and see livestock grazing, crops growing and the sound of animals and children playing. Not the sounds of construction and traffic or interrupted country views of a solar farm. If we chose that lifestyle we would have brought a property in the suburbs of Canberra and our children would be addicted to video games and sitting in front of the television. Not a lifestyle we would want for them or did we choose for them.

We feel that this project is not fair to the neighbouring properties. As stated above you treat your neighbours like your family and I know we would NOT do this to our family. The medical and mental pressure that has been put on these families, the sleepless nights and the future impact it will create to their property as well as ours.

One of our other major concerns is the traffic that is going to be on the road. Our children attend the local country school and the school bus travels up and down Tallagandra Lane eight times a day starting from 7:00am to 5:00pm. With parents putting their children in the hands of the bus driver. I now no longer feel safe my children catching the school bus knowing that there are going to be an extra 100 or more so workers, trucks and other heavy vehicles travelling up and down a dirt road for a long period of time that already can't handle the traffic that is on it now.

The road cannot handle all this ongoing traffic daily let alone during the construction of the solar farm and the ongoing maintenance of it. The dust that is formed with just one vehicle and a truck already blinds you let alone coming up to Summer and going through one of our worst droughts on record. I have attached a photo as a prime example of just one truck travelling about 400 meters ahead of a vehicle at 4:00pm School bus drop off time. Would you want your children travelling on a school bus or the bus pulled over to let your children off the bus with a driver dealing with this low visibility let alone worrying about their safety?

There are drivers that don't know the road, that drive at high speed, and drive inappropriately along the road and through the single lane culverts that don't have give way signs or drive to the conditions. It's not that I don't trust myself or the bus driver it is all the other drivers mainly the mentality of construction workers who are at higher risk of accidents on unknown country roads that are going to be driving up and down the road for the construction of the solar farm for such a long period of time that I don't trust.

We feel for our neighbours that it will have a direct impact on. Personally, it's the increased traffic movements that will have a significant impact on the conditions of the road and the safety and welfare of our family is our greatest concern that needs to be managed immediately and the unknown devaluation of our property that we have put our hard work and life earnings into.

We believe that the proposed 'Springdale Solar Farm' should be located somewhere else as we feel this is a rural environment and this is not the right location for it.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Scott and Jade McInerney', written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letters of the names being prominent.

Scott and Jade McInerney