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



Attention: Director – Resources and Energy Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam

Department of Planning Received 8 AUG 2018 Scanning Room

Springdale Solar Development

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Springdale Solar Development. The Environmental Impact Statement was lodged on 18 July with comments due by close of business on 15 August 2018.

The fundamental problem I have with this development is that it is manifestly inappropriate for the proposed location.

This is an enormous, industrial scale solar farm which will have a devastating impact on the local community and surrounding farms and residents. It will severely detract from the amenity of this beautiful area, its rich agricultural productivity and the ability of local residents to enjoy the county lifestyle they have chosen and invested in.

I'm not a resident of the area but know it well through visiting family there over many decades. I am currently a resident in the Royalla region and can attest first hand to the visual impact of that development on once beautiful farmland and countryside. A development at Springdale which will be 5 times larger than this is almost beyond comprehension.

I'm not opposed to renewable energy developments, including solar. But the location of such developments, particularly of this scale, needs to give detailed and open consideration to the impact on the land and the surrounding community. They should only be undertaken in accordance with a national plan. AEMO's recently released Integrated System Plan has identified 3 energy zones with locations in the south, central and northern areas of NSW. The proposed location is not consistent with this work and analysis.

The Springdale site is the wrong site for this development. If it goes ahead there will be major detrimental impacts on the environment and the community. Adjoining land holders will have their assets significantly degraded and the wider community will lose a precious resource.

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Yours sincerely

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