

*Kibah Pastoral Co.*

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To whom it may concern

Re: Orange Grove Solar Project (Application Number SSD 17\_8882)

This proposed project by Overland Sun Farming is to be located on land which is owned and operated by our family, along with land owned by our neighbours.

Before agreeing to allow this proposed project, we researched all aspects and possible impacts a solar farm of this size would have on our existing operation and land surrounding the site.

We have established with Overland Sun Farming that the 'Right to farm' on all land surrounding the project will not be diminished in any way. There is no evidence or fact available to conclude that the solar farm will impact in any way, shape or form, the ability to produce, grow and fatten livestock, and all farming activities on all country in proximity to the farm will continue unhindered.

The footprint of the proposed project is on country largely flood free, the swale (in the NE corner of project footprint) has not seen floodwater in at least 54 years. Since then Splitrock, Keepit and Chaffey dams have been constructed which allow the ability to mitigate flood peaks making it highly unlikely to see floodwater in the swale again.

Discussions with a local, professional, registered land valuer,( not a real estate agent with vested interest) determined, it would be extremely hard to argue any negative impact on land values, as the project won't affect surrounding farmlands productive ability. Another land valuer from Nyngan stated the Nyngan solar farm has had zero effect on land values around that project.

Visual change to the landscape will occur. Having looked at the Royalla solar farm south of Canberra, I personally, found it to be relatively unobtrusive. The Orange Grove development has vegetative screening planned to reduce the visual impact where necessary.

We are pro renewable energy and having considered all the facts regarding this proposed project have NO issue with having this development on our land.

Yours sincerely

James Hyem