

Application No SSD 8658

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Gunnedah Solar Farm

I am concerned about the solar farm to be constructed on the north side of Orange Grove Road, Gunnedah.

I am a landholder who has lived on a property on the Namoi River for more than 50 years and on the southern side of the River, directly opposite the proposed solar farm. I can see a number of potential problems with this proposal.

1. The last 15 years has seen a large number of earth banks constructed for the purpose of diverting water for irrigation. The irrigation banks south of the Namoi but on the basin passing Gunnedah will turn more water into the Namoi River, this in turn will raise the level on north side of Namoi River.

The irrigation substation is another wall holding up water and diverting it.

2. When a flood forms against fences it builds up both rubbish and timber and after a time the force of water mixed with rubbish causes the fence to collapse. This happens each time we have a flood.

3. This solar system is proposed on first class agricultural land and should be on poor land out of flood reach.

No political donations in previous two years

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