

Oxley Solar Farm Objection Submission

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Dear Minister

SSD No 10346- Oxley Solar Farm Armidale

I am strongly objecting to the Oxley Solar Farm SSD 10346 development. This development is appalling and I encourage you to take note of the issues I have and the objection from the Castle Doyle Solar Farm Action group which I strongly support.

1. **Reduced Visual Amenity** – The information outlined in the EIS provides false information as to the viewpoints of residences and local traffic. Anyone can take images through trees at various angles and heights to depict a misleading representation of the view. What I do know that from the views I have you can clearly see the proposed farm. From any direction, I will see these panels and no amount of screening can be provided to minimise this unappealing view.
2. **Complete lack of community consultation by the developer.** I never heard from them -they didn't contact me. One meeting in Hughes House was a poor consultation by the developer. This was meant to be a community information session and consultation. Clearly my understanding of consultation and theirs is very different. They are not a group of people who are trying to have the community on their side. Their professionalism towards their answers about the project was poor to say the least. So much for their claim of having a comprehensive community consultation happen.
3. Incompatible landuse -the loss of agricultural land. These panels and their location completely disregards prime agricultural land use. The potential for chemical residue has not been thought of or assessed.
4. My property is directly to the North of Richard Waters property which is part of the proposed development. Since I became aware he has stopped and neglected his duty of care regarding weed and feral animal control on his land resulting in an increased burden on my holding. Is this what it will become when the developers take over? This is where they need to be responsible for the mediation between neighbouring properties to stop them from talking etc.
5. The proposed panels will directly face towards my property with increased glare and potential moisture loss due to evaporation. The panels will have their own 'Heat

Island' this will have a significant impact o my land. Who will be responsible to the loss on income I may potentially have due to not being able to run stock?

6. The Rural Fire service require a minimum standard and width of an access road before they will attend and fight a fire. No mention or correspondence has been conveyed to me or anyone else directly impacted.

Signed Warren Waters

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