

Oxley Solar Farm Objection Submission

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Dear Minister

SSD No SSD 10346 - Oxley Solar Farm Armidale

I am objecting to the Oxley Solar Farm SSD 10346 development proposed based on the below flaws and impacts associated with the development. I fully support the objection placed by the Castle Doyle Solar Farm Action Group.

1. **Reduced Visual Amenity** – the planned solar farm changes significantly the character of the landscape visual I currently enjoy. The depiction in the EIS is misleading in the use of wrongly identified viewpoints and subjective panoramic images which distort rather than reveal the impact on the character of the existing landscape. This is misleading information to the community.
2. **Complete lack of community consultation by the developer.** I was first made aware of the development by accident and have heard nothing of substance since. The developers have taken the attitude that silence is the best way to get things up and going as quickly as possible. Not the best way to get community approval or support to my way of thinking. They have not answered any of our concerns when asked face to face and I felt that this was not only a fault of their professional stance but also an incompetence of lack of knowledge about the proposed development. How can we have trust in this process and developers based on little information.
3. **Incompatible landuse** -the loss of agricultural land. These solar panels do not need to be placed on prime agricultural land which this project is pushing for. The developers are picking this site purely for its 'gentle slope' and proximity to the main TransGrid line. There is no gentle slope on this site. It has undulating hills and that is a huge cause for significant impacts to the land.

Signed

Heidi Waters 10-4-21