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I Philip John Hanel do declare that I have not made any political donations in the past five years.

My Wife and I purchased our block of 100 Acers at 100 Klinberg Road back in 1986 with the view of having a tranquil country retirement for the future; we now face the prospect of being flanked on three sides by solar plants.

I would like to state my objection to this proposed transition of good productive farm land to an industrial energy production facility as follows.

- 1 Loss of good productive farm land to an industrial site. (47% of the site is class 3 ag land)
- 2 Devaluation of our property due to the close proximity of this solar facility.
- 3 The wellbeing of our vast array of fauna and flora. (Loss of trees and filling in of 9 dams)
- 3 Risk of bush fire as the west boundary of the solar plant is only about 200m from our house.

We have a weed in this area called hairy panic (similar to tumble weed which builds up against fences and the like. As the screening is 2m high shade cloth Huge fire risk)

- 4 I have grave concerns that all these developments are foreign owned. (Who cleans up the mess)
- 5 The heat island effect is largely untested.
- Water run off is also a concern caused by concentrated run off during storms, due to the area of panels and the loss of dams to slow the run off.
- 7 The close proximity of these solar plants to Jindera (the fastest growing town in this area)
- 8 The close proximity of one solar plant to another.
- 9 Increase insurance premiums living adjacent to a \$160 mil industrial hub (untested)

Concerns during construction

- 1 Dust (our prevailing weather comes from the west (200m away from the facility)
- 2 Noise derived from driving the steel support posts.
- 3 Increase traffic movements through Jindera and on to unsealed roads

Closing comments

As the Proponents HR man realised we were passionately against the positioning of this facility he left us largely out of the loop

As there are approximately 26 close Neighbours to this solar plant I plead that consideration be given to the location of the plant.