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I Karen Hanel do declare that I have not made any political donations in the past 5 years.  
I have lived in this area my whole life and now reside at 100 Klinberg Road with my husband and his parents.

I oppose the Jindera Solar Farm for the following reasons

- The loss of Prime agricultural land
- The loss of rural aspect – the property will be surrounded by this development. I have uninterrupted views from the back veranda where we eat every day, of paddocks, livestock & trees. We can even see the hay bales on the Glenellen corner. If this development goes ahead that will be replaced by 2mt high fences & shade cloth.
- Traffic - the property is on Klinberg Rd which is gravel & has an emergency exit from the solar development. The road joins Urana Road to Walla Walla Jindera Road so I'm worried about what construction traffic will be using this road.
- Native fauna & flora – there are a lot of fauna not found in the EIS. I'm worried about the fenced off trees in the middle of the solar development as well as the lone cultural tree surrounded by solar panels.
- Heat island effect – there is not enough Australian research on developments this big. Also we are on the weather side of the development so worry about heat, dust, noise, water runoff & fire.
- There is not enough information on what is happening with the lane that is crown land. This lane gets used regularly for horse riders & walkers.
- Vegetation screens – I was originally told by the proponent that they would supply an earth bank as screening instead the EIS states vegetation screening with green shade cloth on the 2mt high fence. Will this vegetation be looked after & watered as many sites that I've seen the weeds are taller than the dead tube stock.
- The emotional toll of dealing with the proponents where you're promised that panels will not be behind the property boundary then finding out by accident that they are just before the EIS was finalised. When Hosts keep on saying it's their land they can do what they want without any regard to our outlook & concerns. The fact that rural zoned land can become an industrial area because its state significant bypassing local bylaws & zoning.

So in conclusion I vigorously oppose Jindera Solar Farm for there are 26 near neighbours to this site with some houses only 50 mt from the development & the possibility of Glenellen solar Farm across Ortlipp Road is a huge worry. With the development so close to Jindera I share the Greater Hume Shires concerns on how our town can continue to grow.