

Jindera Solar Farm
Elisha Dunn
Environmental Assessment Officer

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Dear Ms Dunn

RE: Objection to Jindera Solar Farm – SSD-9549

I strongly object to the Jindera Solar Project. I am unable to be satisfied that the positive outweigh the negatives.

The only positive I see, is if approved, it will produce more electricity.

My concerns and negatives are as follows:

This is Important Agriculture Land, it has produced even in this time of drought, when agriculture land yields in time of serious drought, one would think what more evidence does one need to secure it for production into the future.

No long term data is available on the effects, this large scale Solar Project will have on Human's, Animals, Ecosystems and the Environment. In the case of fire, solar rays and not to mention the social and economic effect it will have on all surrounds, being in close proximity to Jindera Township and the many people surrounding the Solar Project. NSW is experiencing catastrophic fires in this drought time, what happens if a fire should start and enter into the Solar Projects leased land. Rural fire fighters have said it is too dangerous to enter along with the toxic smoke that would be produced, putting volunteers at grave risk. Neighbouring land holders are unable to get the massive insurance cover that would be required, if negligence is proven by the Solar Company.

Our local Greater Hume Council area is also going to be effected by this Project. Jindera Solar Project will be using all infrastructures and have not agreed to contribute to the Council in any way shape or form. This shows no respect or care factor. Their desire is only to get this Project up and running for the investor's and collect their incentive from the Government. This may tick the emission's reduction box, but at what cost? I think Australia has come of age where we need to plan for the future, put large solar investment in areas where it is not used for primary production food/fodder and can stay for ongoing years where people are not put at risk, socially or economically. Australia should not be controlled by overseas investors; the catch cry has always been we need overseas investment, perhaps it's time for Australia to look after Australians. Government should co develop with some of our entrepreneurs, what is best for Australia. We need Important Agriculture Land to produce Food/Fodder.

It is unethical for this Solar Project Company to grow its business at the detriment of many people who will be adversely affected by this development.

Please consider the views of everyday Australians who contribute to make Australia a better place for all.

Yours faithfully

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