

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sarah Arie-Parnell and I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed solar panels at Glenellen Rd. I have been a resident of Glenellen Rd for twenty-five years. My family and I selected the area for its tranquility and the rural aspect of the land. It is beautiful and rich farming land which produces valuable commodities such as hay, livestock and grain – all sorely needed in our drought-stricken country. The NSW DPI Policy that states “Only 11 % of NSW is used for higher productivity agricultural uses such as cropping” & that the NSW Government “is concerned about the potential loss or impaired use of agricultural land”. It makes no sense to take away valuable and productive land to place solar panels on, when these would be better suited in more arid and unproductive areas. It is also highly unfair to allow a project which will substantially devalue the surrounding properties. The areas around the proposed farm include both large farmland and hobby farms, many choose to move here specifically for the rural outlook and lifestyle. It would be very difficult indeed to lure new buyers to purchase properties that directly overlook solar panels rather than fields with crops and/or grazing animals. Nor should current owners be expected to replace their scenery with fields of solar panels. There are numerous homes within 50-90 metres of the proposed Glenellen Rd solar panels, this will have an unacceptable impact on rural living.

We encourage you to take the only logical measure in soundly rejecting the proposal to place solar panels on Glenellen Road and to do the responsible thing by continuing to encourage and develop rich farming practices in the local area.

Kind regards,

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