

Country Women's Association of NSW

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Dear Elisha,

Re: State Significant Development: Jindera Solar Farm

The CWA of NSW strongly supports the protection of agricultural land from inappropriate development. In 2012 our members confirmed the following policy position:

That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be that the NSW Government planning and development approval process give specific consideration to the implications of loss of agricultural land for Australia's future food production and food security and the impact on our water supply when reviewing development applications.

The Jindera Solar Farm is proposed to be built over agricultural land – 47.4% class 3 (high capability land) and 52.6% class 6 – Low capability land, classified as per the Land and Soil Capability Assessment Scheme.

We urge the Assessment team to give specific consideration to the importance of Australia's food and fibre productivity, as well as food security when considering this project.

Yours sincerely,

Danica Leys CEO