

I object to the Jindera Solar Farm for the following reasons :-

As a landowner within 200 metres of the proposed sight, I believe that solar plants should not be considered on such prime agricultural land, undoubtedly some of the best farming land in the state, as evidenced by the current drought.

So called "Climate Change" will not be helped by covering some of the best food producing land in Australia with solar panels.

The area is closely settled, with 8 adjacent properties with houses within 100 metres of the proposed site.

Devaluation of neighbouring properties, with values reduced to a small percentage of current values, if saleable at all, as confirmed by a registered real estate agent. This will cause considerable hardship to some local residents looking to retirement.

The future growth of Jindera and Glenellen areas will be restricted, as people do not want to live in close proximity to solar farms. This area is becoming more closely settled, with properties keenly sought after.

The removal of mature trees, with the loss of flora and fauna habitat.

The filling in of a large number of dams, causing significant problems with water flow in wet times.

Increased dust, noise and glare to neighbouring properties.

Increased heat transfer to nearby houses.

Increased fire risk, with NSW RFS advising fire fighters not to go anywhere near solar panels in the event of a fire.

A large increase in traffic on local country roads.

Conflict between the property owners concerned and adjoining neighbours, causing unnecessary strain and mental health concerns.

Other options are available :-

1. Solar farms could be built on drier, more arid areas, on land of less agricultural value, with less rainfall, therefore more sunlight, and less prone to foggy days than this area, thus making power generation more efficient. The saving in property rental costs could help to build any infrastructure needed.
2. Solar panels could be placed on the massive roof areas in the industrial areas in major cities, particularly capital cities. This could be for very low rental, with easy access to power grids.