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To whom it may concern,

**RE: Walla Walla Solar Farm – Ref SSD-9874**

I am writing in strong support of FRV's proposed Walla Walla Solar Farm Project, and to encourage approval of this project by the NSW Department of Planning.

We live in the neighbouring area of Pleasant Hills however our business interests lay immediately adjacent to and on the proposed Walla Walla solar farm site. Most of the land we crop is on land retained by the landowners as part of their continuing farming enterprise (adjacent to the proposed solar farm site). In terms of land offered to FRV for a solar farm we have always viewed, at large, this country to be too marginal to crop (notwithstanding the land owners had offered the entire area). Long before any talk of solar farms we have been cropping what we viewed as the better paddocks which equates to approximately 35% of the subject land - and results of course would vary from year to year.

We do however value this small area of land and we are aware that should the proposed solar farm go ahead approximately 78 hectares will be lost to my company and a 58 hectares will be lost to my brothers company (My brother and I dissolved our partnership approximately 5 years ago and the land owners were good enough to apportion the farm between the 2 of us).

However, the loss of land for me (78 hectares) has been replaced by 83 hectares the landowners have improved, at their considerable expense, to make sure our position does not change. This area of land was previously under-utilised farming land and has now been offered to us on a 5 year lease – complete with generous Lime and Gypsum applications to enhance the soil. The result is our overall position has improved. We now have more land to crop and added security of tenure for me and our company's 3 employees. I don't believe the landowners could have justified the expense of improving the soil on these areas of land, in what we believe is marginal country, without the consideration of a solar farm.

The landowners have afforded the same generous arrangement with my brothers company (Clancy Ag P/L) where I understand 58 hectares lost has been substituted with 70 hectares gained.

In short both of our positions with our collective 6 employees and families will improve with security of tenure and extra land.

I have had sufficient opportunity to find out information about the solar farm project from the land owners together with information days FRV have provided the community and found these to be well organised, factual and open and I am comfortable with the proposal. I also look forward to the economic injection to this area which no doubt will spill into surrounding communities. We sure need it.

In my opinion, the Walla Walla Solar Energy Project could not be more ideally located. The site is privately-owned land that allows the current landholder to diversify his family's means of earning an income while still continuing to provide agricultural output.

It is my view that initiatives like these can co-exist perfectly with agriculture.

Regards,

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