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RE: APPLICATION: CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM
APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD-10288

We are objecting to the proposed solar farm at Culcairn. The submission with our reasons against the Culcairn Solar Farm are attached.

We declare that we have not made any political donations in the last 2 years, in fact, not at all.

Yours faithfully

Stuart and Heather Lowe

CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM, APPLICATION NUMBER SSD-10288

We object to the proposed solar farm at Culcairn because we know that the land is very good agricultural land and therefore should NOT be used for the purpose of a solar farm.

We have previously farmed in this area and know it to be good productive agricultural land. Our family have been farming in this particular district for 110 years.

The loss of productive crop, hay and grazing land will be a great loss in our community and will have long lasting effects.

The jobs that will supposedly be gained in our area will not be of benefit to Culcairn and Walla. Maybe some labour may be sourced from Albury, but the benefit will have little effect in the Culcairn and Walla communities, and the same for accommodation benefits. Will have little effect here as employees will probably live in Albury and commute daily.

We are not opposed to renewable energy, but we are against the location of the solar farm on good productive agricultural land. Solar farms should be situated on less arable land of which there is plenty out western New South Wales. Lobby governments to have transmission lines put out west and then put solar farms there. Don't try to buy off local communities with kickbacks, instead use the money to get transmission lines built on non agricultural land – land where there is lots of sun and where you are not using up good land!

How safe are these solar panels? Are they carcinogenic when they are broken down? What if the components get into the waterways?

The size of the proposal is so large and congested in the one area that it will be visually confronting. If this proposal goes ahead it will look like an industrial site, and we will no longer have our pleasant rural views.

We strongly object to the CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM.