

Beryl Solar Farm

Addressed to NSW Dept. of Planning;

RE: Concerns regarding the construction of the Beryl Solar Farm.

I wish to address the major concern in regards to the development of such a sizeable solar farm in the area of Beryl. Not only will this be detrimental to the value of the properties adjoining and in the surrounding area of this structure but also believe it will have a defiant negative impact to the growth in the area and Gulgong, which has sown significant growth in the last two to three years. The rezoning of the majority of the properties in the Beryl area to R5 Residential Zoning which clearly is designed for the future growth in Beryl as well as the Gulgong township.

The proposal to build a solar farm of this size in this area this creates major concern about the negative impact on the future residential growth for the Beryl area and Gulgong, along with the visual impacts on the rural setting.

In the assessment report it was stated Economic Benefits to the township? How?

It is clearly obvious the area chosen for the solar farm is for the convenience of the existing Beryl Sub-Station and existing power lines, which would be a very significant cost saving to the overseas company. The whole viability and positioning clearly swings on the fact that the existing infrastructure is used thus, majorly reducing costs to the overseas company for this establishment! Will this saving be pasted onto the community?? **It is clearly obvious when the question is raised who the beneficiary is in this proposed development thus creating an impact on us!**

In conclusion to this we are not opposed to the development of Solar Energy Production as it is a future form of energy for the community.

What we are opposed to is the positioning of the Beryl solar farm located within the unique rural lifestyle area. Areas such as Beryl and surrounding Gulgong areas create opportunities for rural lifestyle, settlement of families and housing that all create growth and social economic welfare to our rural community.

Sincerely

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