

## **SSD 8183 BERYL SOLAR FARM**

### **PAC MEETING 21/11/17 AND KEY POINTS TO WHY THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT GO AHEAD, PRESENTATION FROM LINDSAY JONES**

I have resided at Beryl road since 1981 and still live at this address and see this as a total detractor to Gulgong.

#### **1 - VISUAL OUTLOOK**

The visual outlook will never be acceptable for the Gulgong/Beryl residents and fit into the existing landscape, tube trees as proposed by First Solar will take 15 years to reach the solar panel size, if they last that long.

#### **2 – BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This plan does not address the fire history of this area and the lack of access makes the potential danger greater than ever and also the probability of the potential risk to the Hospital and the whole Town of Gulgong greater than in the past.

#### **3 – NOISE AND THE COMPUTER GENERATED MODEL**

The computer generated model does not have credibility in relation to the landscape and the “ampi theatre effect” and the way noise travels. The effects of actual noise have proven to produce a noise level which we as residents have experienced on rare occasions previously. The Boral Quarry noise carries to the Town boundary on some days but only conducts business five and a half days a week during business hours. The Polocross grounds PA System produces less decibels than what is proposed by First Solar for this project, but is clearly audible 6km away. The stated decibel rating in First Solar’s report is equivalent to a chain saw running at high revs.

#### **4 – R5 RESIDENTIAL AREA**

The proposed Solar farm will severely inhibit the potential growth of the R5 Area as stated by Mid-western Council who already has plans for the future development on the North Western side of Gulgong.

#### **5 – ECONOMICAL DECLINE ON LAND AND PROPERTY VALUE**

The proposed infrastructure has already shown signs of decline in the Property values and sales of properties in close proximity to the proposed Solar Farm.

#### **6 – FIRST SOLAR**

First Solar has not been transparent in the way that they have presented the proposed project to the Gulgong Community, some residents are still just being made aware of this infrastructure proposal. First Solar only made minimal endeavours to enlighten residents that had close boundary connection to the proposed site. I believe this was done intentionally to minimise the amount of submissions that would be sent to the Planning Commission, so that the proposed project would get approved without too much objection.

#### **7 – NSW HAS ALREADY SEEN A PRECEDENCE SET FOR THE REJECTION OF A SOLAR FARM IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A SMALL TOWN**

A precedence has been set in the rejection of such a proposal because of the long term effects on a small country Town.

Regards Lindsay Jones