

NSW Planning Assessment Commission, 21. 11. 17  
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000.  
Re: Proposed Beryl Solar Farm

To whom it may concern.

We would like to raise our objections to the Beryl Solar Farm.

Our Farm Salvation Hill is on the eastern boundary and fire is a very big concern. Fighting a fire in a labyrinth of solar panels would be extremely dangerous in the event of a wind change, as reversing a truck out from the solar panels rows (possibly with high voltage connected) would be very difficult in the heat of the moment possibly fatal. In our opinion the fire would not be fought until it reaches our boundary (east side of the solar farm) and it is only 3kms to the hospital. The previous fire emanating from the Beryl sub station in 1992 took only 7 minutes to burn our farm and infrastructure out. The prevailing winds are predominately from the west. The 1992 fire was in a dry time and fuel load was very low. The hospital only 3 kms away was being evacuated because of the fire but due to a wind change the fire burnt back on itself.

Our Farm Salvation Hill is zoned R5 and

has the highest aspect adjoining the solar farm, 495m. When the block is subdivided all of the blocks would have a commanding view of the solar farm & suffer the effects of the associated noise. There is a distinct lack of data about the noise level and this is a real concern to us. There is also no proposed screening to the east of the solar farm so our subdivided blocks will have unfettered views of the solar panels without the benefits of screening.

In summing up our main concerns are the fine aspect, associated noise and the underhanded way this project has commenced with no communication to us other than a few letters mailed to Dear Resident.

Yours sincerely  
Penny & Alan Pritchard